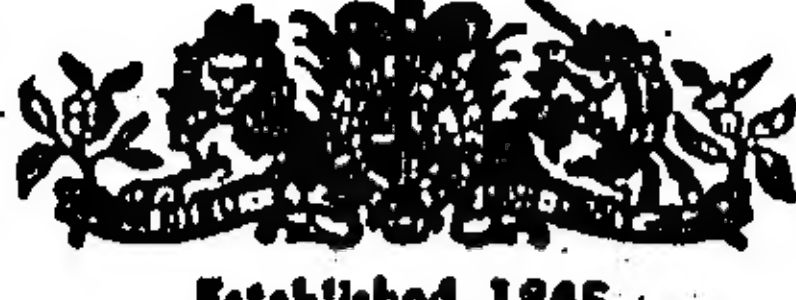


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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### REUNIFICATION

THERE is one thing to be said for the Russian Communist Party chief, Mr. Khrushchev, he seldom varied his verbal method of approach. There is nothing oblique about his speeches; they are direct and forthright and full of vituperation. They are usually the culmination of concerted attacks made by other Soviet leaders and propaganda organs which have prepared the way and laid the foundations for an assault on non-Communist countries.

His denunciations of Dr. Adenauer and the West German Government before the East German Parliament last week was no exception; the only variation in Mr. Khrushchev's hard-hitting "diplomacy" being a different rostrum and different city.

### COLLECTION

DR Adenauer's Christian Democrat Party spokesman, on the subject of reunification, summed up the situation in a very concise manner. "Mr. Khrushchev's speech," he said, "was a collection of all the attacks and vilifications heard lately from the Communist camp against West Germany."

Any doubts that the Soviet leader intended to hasten the reunification of divided Germany was quickly dispelled and certainly he said nothing positive on the question. He was not concerned with unity of Germany but with the "unity of the Socialist camp" and thereby he gave a remarkable clue as to the real purpose of his visit.

### CONTEMPTUOUS

MR Khrushchev's interpretation of the responsibility of the Big Four Powers for reunification, in that both East and West Germany must achieve diplomatic recognition of each other and enter into direct negotiations as a prerequisite to reunification, is as contemptuous as it is unreal.

These stipulations, coupled with the concerted attacks on Dr. Adenauer, are more likely to help rather than hinder the West German Chancellor in the forthcoming elections as they clash with the claims of the Social Democrat Opposition.

### OTHER WAYS

THE Social Democrats have said that Russia might accept other ways to reunification so long as she had an understanding that a reunified Germany would not belong to NATO but to a security system guaranteed by both East and West.

In the light of Mr. Khrushchev's revelations this is out of the question as far as the Communists are concerned. Therefore the only logical conclusion to be reached is that the Soviet camp has no intention whatsoever of attempting to reach a peaceful solution of the German question.

## JEWISH SPIRIT ALIVE

Jerusalem, Aug. 13. Israel's delegation to the Moscow Youth Festival was escorted in haste from the Kremlin, preventing farewells, newspapers in Moscow reported today. It is believed the Kremlin was anxious to avoid further pro-Israel demonstrations by Moscow Jews.

Israeli appearances in Moscow's great synagogue resulted in mass demonstrations, indicating that Soviet Jews desired contacts with Israel and proving the failure of the Communist 40-year effort to kill the Jewish spirit.

## Routed From Depots

Lodz, Aug. 14. POLISH Army and police units today attacked and occupied three Lodz tramway depots taken over earlier by drivers and conductors on strike for more pay.

At the main tramway depot the attack lasted about 15 minutes. It was launched at 2.30 a.m. by a force estimated to total about 3,000. No resistance was offered by the striking tramwaymen, who had been staging a sitdown strike for 48 hours.

First reports indicated there were no casualties, the police and soldiers took over the tram and a few minutes later the tram service was running again throughout this Polish city.

### FULLY ARMED

The attack was launched by units of the militia (civil police), internal security forces and the so-called voluntary reserves of the militia, which are called out in case of emergency.

The soldiers and militia entering the tramway depot were fully armed and carrying machineguns.

First reports said that the militia fired several shots into the air but over the heads of the striking tramway men and women.

The last group to leave the main tramway depot in the city centre comprised about 12 men. A bystander asked the group leaving the depot whether they would man the trams.

They replied "we will go as passengers only."

### LOWEST PAID

There was deep gloom on the part of the tramwaymen as they conceded in the battle against the authorities, who have resisted their wage claims. Some women clippers were sobbing as they left the main tramway depot.

Tram conductors and drivers are among the lowest paid workers in Poland.

Strong squads of police and militia early today surrounded the main tramway depot in Lodz occupied by striking bus drivers and conductors.

The strikers—including girl conductresses—were given an ultimatum to return to work by 3 a.m.

### LONE TRAM

There were reports last night that a compromise settlement had been reached but the strikers continued their stoppage.

A lone tram appeared on the streets just before midnight. Workers said it had been "forced out" of another depot and they were standing by their main demands.

Transport workers at present receive two zlotys 80 gozsy an hour—less than the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. They want a five zloty an hour increase and bonus payments.—Router and United Press.

## TRAIN DISASTER NEAR MADRID



General view of the wreckage after a troop train had crashed into an engine — as it neared the station of Villaverde, near Madrid. Twenty-two people lost their lives and fifty-eight were injured.—Keystone Photo.

## OMAN UPRISING OVER

# Troops Continue Hunt For Two Rebel Chiefs

Bahrain, Aug. 13.

British political resident in Oman Sir Bernard Burrows said on his arrival here today that the "Oman uprising is over."

## US Officials Told To Leave Syria

Damascus, Aug. 13. Syria today demanded the recall of three US Embassy officials on charges that they were involved in an American "conspiracy" to overthrow the Syrian Government.

The Foreign Ministry declared the officials "persona non grata" and asked that they leave the country within 24 hours.

The three accused Americans are Howard Stone of the Embassy's Political Section, Military Attache, Lieut-Col. Robert Mulloy, and Vice-Consul Francis Jeter.

The demand for expulsion followed the publication of an official government statement alleging an American plot against the Syrian Government.

The statement specifically alleged that Mr. Stone tried to induce Syrian Army officers into joining a coup against the regime.

The charges of a US plot against the Syrian government were promptly denied here by a US Embassy spokesman, Robert Lincoln, as "obviously a complete fabrication." — United Press.

## Killed Wife With Guitar

Manila, Aug. 14. A guitar, hardly a deadly weapon, was used by a music-loving husband yesterday to beat his wife to death when she constantly nagged him for neglecting her for the instrument. The killing took place in Negros Occidental Province, Central Philippines.

Investigation disclosed that the man had been going around screaming girls in the neighborhood more to display his prowess with the guitar than anything else.—France-Press.

## Arabs Want UN Meeting

United Nations, Aug. 13. Eleven Arab countries today decided to ask the United Nations for a Security Council meeting to discuss what they described as the British aggression against Oman, an informed source said.

The request will be contained in a letter to the President of the Security Council, Francisco Urrutia, of Colombia, the source said.

The move was reported to have been decided upon at a meeting today of the 11 Arab delegations at the United Nations.—France-Press.

the all-out offensive launched against the rebels last week. Sir Bernard said the rebel casualties amounted to about 30 killed.

Meanwhile, Oman's strongest tribal ruler, Sheikh Sulaiman Bin Hamyar, was humbled today when troops of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman entered his "capital" at Tanuf with British armoured cars.

Bahla, 15 miles away and also dominated by Sulaiman, also capitulated without resistance.

Tanuf had refused to the last to display the red flag symbolic of loyalty to Sultan Said on

Taimur. Royal Air Force rockets had knocked one side off the main tower without winning surrender.

But as a reconnaissance column approached today under command of Brigadier J. A. R. Robertson, the people of Tanuf wavered.

The political representative of the Sultan, Major Jasper Coates, a retired British officer, went forward on foot with two followers bearing a big red flag.

He walked up to the impressive mud brick structure towering on the edge of the story plain at the foot of the mountain. Minutes later he appeared to signal the rest of the column on.—France-Press & United Press.

## Sandys Leaves On Tour

London, Aug. 13. Mr. Duncan Sandys, Britain's Defence Minister, left here by air tonight to visit Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

The Minister, who was accompanied by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir William Dickson, is due to arrive in Sydney on Friday. During the tour Mr. Sandys will have talks on defence with government ministers.

In Australia, he will visit the Woomera rocket range and the Maralinga atomic testing ground. Before returning to London on September 22 he will also visit Singapore, Hongkong and Bangkok.—Reuter.

## Fourth A-Sub

Washington, Aug. 13. The Navy announced today that its fourth atomic-powered submarine, the *Swordfish*, will be launched on August 27 at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Naval Ship Yard.

The second of four 2,400-ton nuclear submarines currently being built, the *Swordfish* is scheduled to join the fleet in the autumn of 1958. The first of the four 2,400-ton subs was the *Skate*.

The Navy's other two nuclear-powered submarines are the *Nautilus* and *Scorwolf*, both 3,000-ton craft.—United Press.

## SINGAPORE SURPRISE: LEE OUSTED

Singapore, Aug. 14. Leftist elements won control of Singapore's People's Action Party on Tuesday night by ousting the Party's founder member and leader in the Legislative Assembly, Lee Kuan-yew, from the post of Secretary-General of the Party.

In an announcement which followed a tense Executive Committee meeting lasting till last night, a Party spokesman announced that the new Committee would be headed by Tan Chong-kin as President and T. T. Rajah as Secretary-General.

The announcement also listed the names of the new Vice-Chairman, the Assistant Secretary-General, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, all of whom were elected for the first time to the Party Executive at the annual conference held here recently.

The election of new leaders resolved a deadlock lasting over 10 days during which Lee Kuan-yew, along with former President Dr. Tan Chin-chye, put up a keen tussle to maintain leadership of the Party.

First signs of a crisis emerged at the annual conference of the People's Action Party when the conference rejected Lee's appeal to re-elect the entire former Executive Committee and, instead, chose eight new members known to have strong leftist leanings.—France-Press.

## Cubans Planning New Revolt ARMS CACHE FOUND

Miami, Aug. 13. CUSTOMS agents early today seized a huge cache of rifles, machineguns and 50,000 rounds of ammunition believed destined for insurgents camped in the Cuban mountain jungles.

Two men were arrested and authorities hunted three more believed involved in a plot to ship arms to Cuban rebel leader Fidel Castro, who is trying to overthrow Cuban President Fulgencio Batista.

Charles Wyatt, supervisor of customs in Miami, identified the men arrested as Gil de Gijano, 46, an American citizen of Cuban descent living in Miami, and Alfredo C. Z. Gonzales, 38, who said he is a farmer. He told officers he was from Havana.

The men were charged with violation of the Neutrality Act and are being held pending further action.—United Press.

## Death At 156

Sao Paulo, Aug. 13. Manuel Rodriguez Constantino, reputed to have been 150 years of age and the world's oldest known man, died yesterday. He claimed to have been born in January 10, 1801. He is survived by five sons, 20 grandsons and a large number of great-grandsons.—United Press.

## Duke's Son Going To Malaya

London, Aug. 13. Prince William, who will be 16 in December, will accompany his parents, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, on their visit to Malaya, for which they will leave on Tuesday, August 27.

It will be his first official overseas tour. The Duke of Gloucester is representing the Queen at the Malayan independence ceremonies.

The Royal party will leave the RAF station, Kinross (Morayshire) in a Britannia aircraft of the BOAC. After spending the night of August 28 in Colombo as guests of the Governor-General of Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonesilleke, they will arrive at Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, August 29.—France-Press.

## FLY WITH THE PILOTS WHO FLY THE WORLD



TWA CAPTAIN PHARES McFERRIN, photographed here in Paris, fills his spare time with hobbies. He golfs in the respectable mid-seventies, is a canny deep-sea fisherman and enjoys swimming with his wife and two teen-age daughters in their Glendale, California, backyard pool. His son, a Marine Corps pilot, occasionally whips him in chess, but has a long way to go to match his father's flying experience. Captain McFerrin, with over 4 million miles in the air, is TWA's brand of pilot, the kind of man you like to have in command.

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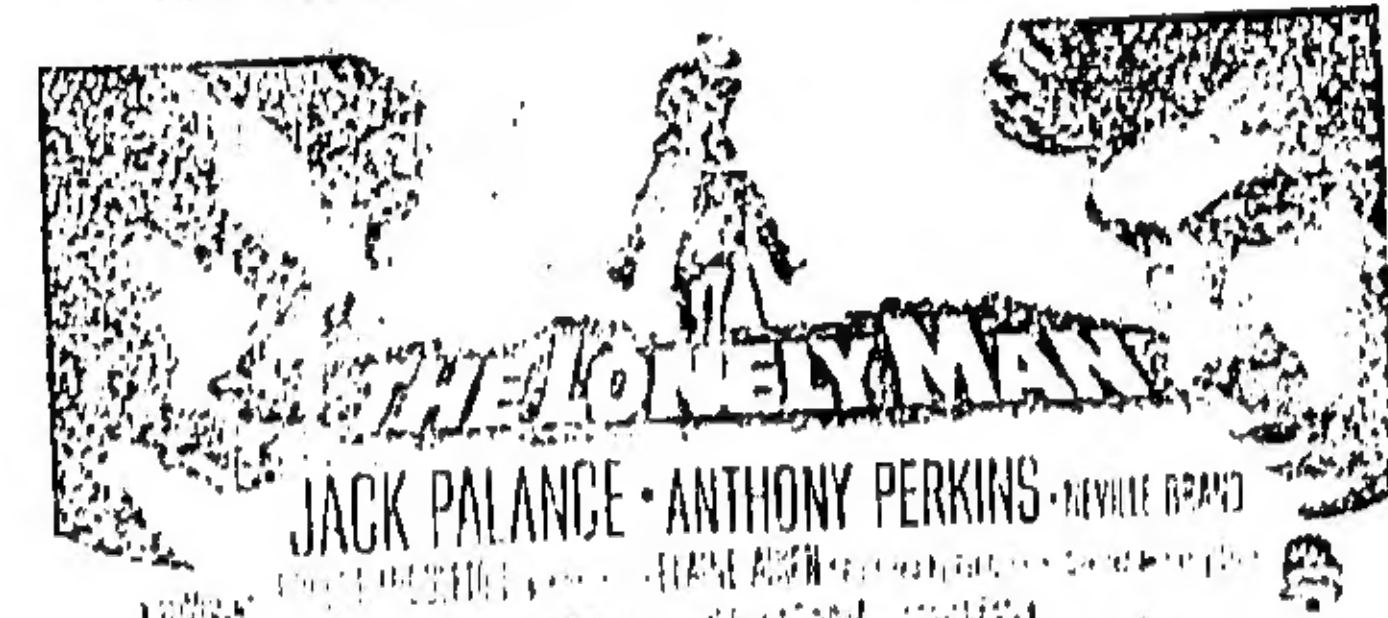


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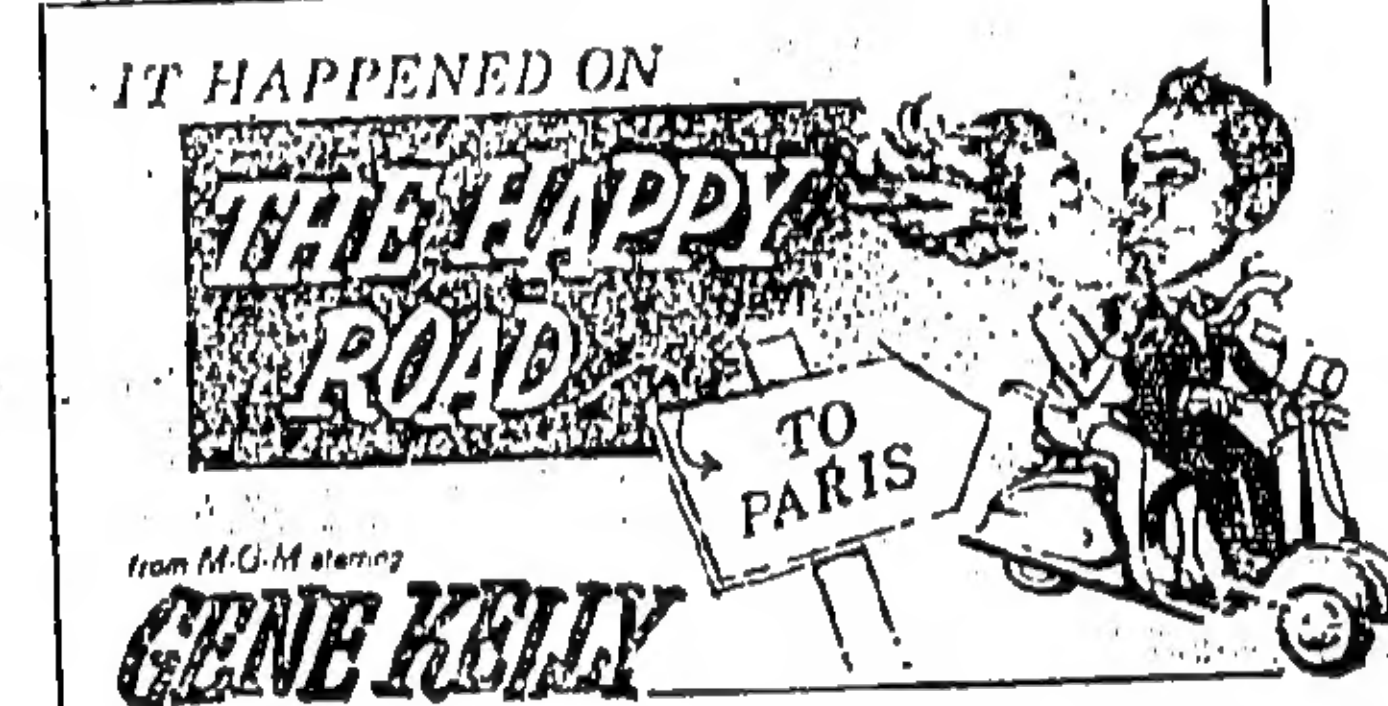
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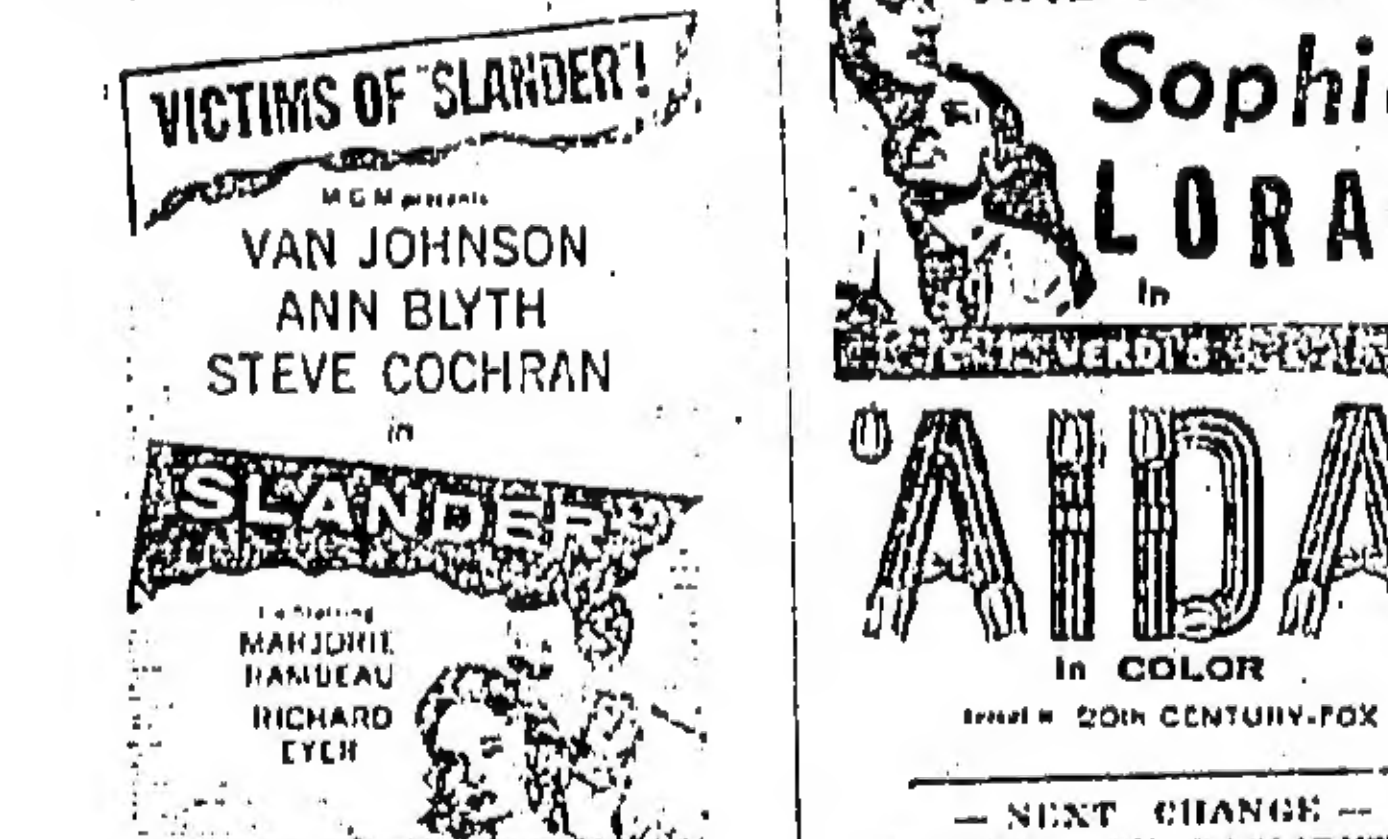


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# MR K ACCUSES ADENAUER

Says Chancellor  
Preparing Germans  
For A New War

Berlin, Aug. 13.  
MR Nikita Khrushchev today accused Dr Konrad Adenauer of preparing the German people for a new war by claiming the return from Russia of thousands of Germans who he knew were dead.

Mr Khrushchev's speech before a mass rally in East Berlin was considered in West Berlin as the most bitter attack he has yet delivered on the West German Chancellor. He brought a bitter personal note into the speech by recalling that both he and Mr Mikoyan, on the platform with him, lost sons in the war. He said their bodies were never found, and he could

## ACCUSATION REJECTED BY BONN

Bonn, Aug. 13.  
The West German Government emphatically rejects Mr Nikita Khrushchev's charge, made in Berlin today, that it is claiming the repatriation of Germans it knows to be dead, usually well informed sources said here.

They pointed out that in a note published today, the Bonn Government denied that it was trying to pass off dead persons as eligible for repatriation. "All information (about persons seeking repatriation) made to the Federal (West German) Government are based on applications submitted orally or in writing by such persons to German offices," the note said.

Herr Wilhelm Haas, West German Ambassador, on August 1, showed to the press what he described as 7,500 applications for the repatriation of Germans in Russia—China Mail Special.



NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV  
A Bitter Personal Note

if he wished ask the Germans to give them back. But he knew they were dead. Why was he demanding the repatriation of thousands of Germans still in Russia? When Dr Adenauer was in Moscow the Soviet Government had made concessions on repatriation, and had made an agreement.

Mr Khrushchev charged Dr Adenauer with cold-bloodedly tearing open human wounds when he claimed thousands of Germans were still in Russia. When Dr Adenauer was in Moscow the Soviet Government had made concessions on repatriation, and had made an agreement.

## Malayan Population INCREASED A QUARTER IN A DECADE

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 14.  
The population of Malaya has increased by more than a quarter in the past ten years according to census figures released here today.

Pointing out that Malaya's population had increased by 27.5 per cent since 1947 to achieve its present total of 6,276,915, the report added:

"This increase would have been larger had there not been a net migrational movement of considerable dimensions from the Federation to Singapore during these years."

The report said that the Federation—due to become independent at the end of this month—had one of the highest rates of population growth in the world.

"This implies that economic and social development must be accompanied by a corresponding increase in employment, productivity per capita, education, medical services, and such like are to be maintained."

The report did not include a breakdown of racial groups in the country where Malays and Chinese are believed to be about equal.—Reuter.

## ANTARCTIC DEATH

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 13.  
Two Britons of the Cuffin party died in the Antarctic yesterday when the sledge in which they were travelling fell into a 500 foot deep crevasse.

The men were engaged on work in connection with the International Geophysical Year.

—France-Press.

## Shakespeare's Juliet 'Beyond Control'

Edinburgh, Aug. 13.  
A marriage guidance counsellor said here today that Shakespeare's Juliet would have been brought before a modern juvenile court as being "beyond control."

The counsellor, Mrs P. M. Tiller, who is also a Magistrate, was speaking at the British National Conference on Social Work, which is discussing the welfare of children and young people.

Recalling that juvenile courts had not been established in Britain until 1933, she asked: "What would the figures have been for 1857 when there was appalling destitution with its attendant brutality and vice—or indeed for 1572?"

"Shakespeare's Juliet was not yet 14."

The speaker called for "a sense of proportion" when dealing with the young.

"One generation always finds fault with the oncoming generation," she said.

The conference is being attended by more than 250 delegates from 22 countries.—China Mail Special.

## The Average British Miss



London, Aug. 13.  
PRETTY Miss Doreen Knife, 17, of Dagenham, England, has a special claim to distinction—her figure measurements correspond exactly to those of the Average British woman. (Doreen's lucky numbers, reading from top to bottom: 37-28-39).

And Doreen's statistics correspond with those averaged by a Government survey of the figures of 5,000 Englishwomen. The result makes it look as though the Englishwoman, far from being the concave-chested skeleton beloved of world humorists, is really closer to the well-padded Venus de Milo. (37-28-39).

## Mass-Production

Reason for the survey—conducted by the Board of Trade—was to find out statistics to aid in mass-production dress design. In charge of the Operation Tape Measure was Captain Philip Kunick, 48-year-old dress designer. Today, says Captain Kunick, only one in five women is able to wear ready-made clothes without alteration. His claim is to bring that number up to 99 out of 100. The remaining one per cent—extremes of both sizes—will be treated as individual cases.—Express Photo.

## MINIATURE WAR IN LAOS IN THIRD YEAR

By AL KAFF

Saigon, Aug. 13.  
The 1954 Geneva Truce brought the Indo-China War to an end except in tiny, sleepy Laos. In that landlocked Kingdom, Royal government troops and the Communist Pathet-Lao rebels have been fighting a miniature war for three years.

Serious efforts to bring about a military and political settlement started a year ago but have borne little fruit.

Some Western observers fear that a truce favourable to the Communists would open a land bridge through Laos from Communist China on the north into Szechuan and Yunnan to the southwest.

## IRONIC BATTLE

Perhaps nowhere in the international world war is there such an ironic battle as the one being fought in Laos.

The Pathet Lao leader, Prince Souphanou Vong, 45, is the half brother of the Royal Lao Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, 56.

The Communist leader spends much of his time in the Royal capital, Vientiane, surrounded by the government he is fighting. He meets his half brother socially despite the war that divides them.

Some observers say that a key to Prince Souphanou Vong's Communist opposition to his brother's government can be found in his wife.

The insurgent leader is married to a Vietnamese, and much of his support comes from Communist North Vietnam.

The two brothers studied in engineering in France. The Royal Government's Prince Souvanna Phouma attended the 1951 San Francisco Peace Conference as a member of the Laotian delegation.

Prince Souphanou Vong's Communist forces occupy parts of two northern Laotian provinces—Sam Neua and Phongsaly, which border on north Vietnam and Communist China.

But the outposts of the Royal Army and Communist forces are so confused and intermingled that it is difficult to draw a frontline.

The United States has given the Royal Lao government more than US\$100 million since the 1954 Geneva Agreement. Most of it was military aid to the Government's 25,000-man Army.

## GUERRILLA WARFARE

The size of the Pathet Lao Army has been estimated at 6,000 regular soldiers, trained in guerrilla warfare and equipped with light weapons.

The war in Laos—which is one of the newer members of the United Nations—does not go on day after day.

Fighting is sporadic.—United Press.

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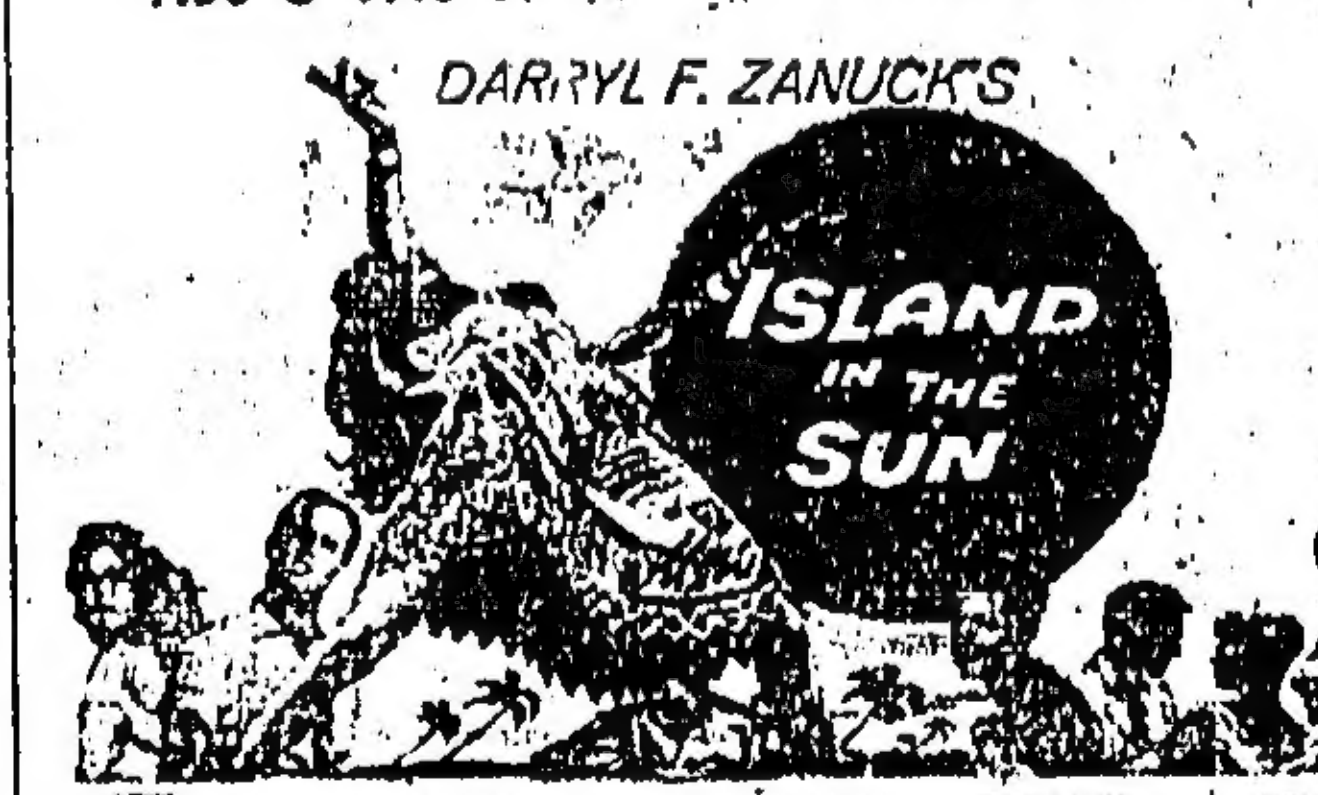
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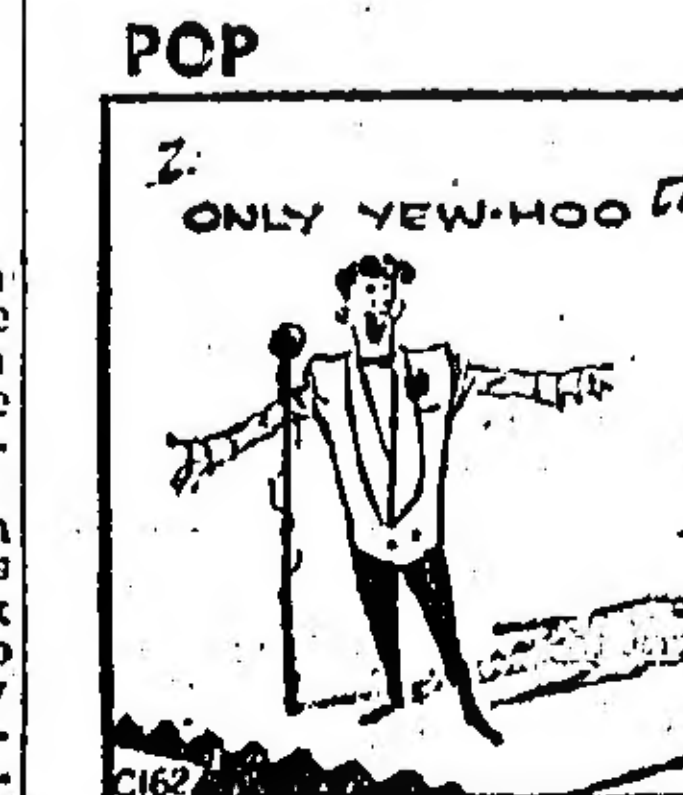
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# ITALIAN CLIMBER CHEATS DEATH

## Spent Eight Days Clinging To Mountain Wall

Claudio Corti, the 29-year-old Italian climber, who for eight days cheated death on the Eiger Mountain in Switzerland told his story on Monday to Donald Scaman and Ernest Ashick, both of Daily Express, at Interlaken, Switzerland. Here is the story in his own words.

Interlaken, Aug. 12.

I HAVE to climb mountains like other men have to eat and drink. Mountain climbing runs in my blood. That is why poor Longhi and I tried to climb the north wall of the Eiger. We knew it was almost vertical. We knew it had cost dozens of lives.

The Eiger was like a tyrant who challenged us all the time. We had to try to win it. The battle was possible. The Swiss at Kitzbühel, a village 6,000 feet up near the Eiger, wanted us against the attempt.

We set off on Saturday in high spirits. We had never met the two young Germans who were to climb on the north wall with Longhi.

### The North Face

We met them on Tuesday and decided to attack the north face together.

Then the weather turned bad and our luck deserted us.

It snowed and it rained furiously and it turned very cold. Ice formed on the rocks as our fingers reached out for a hold. Our hands were cut and numb.

Longhi fell somewhere between 530 and 600 feet on Wednesday morning. His hands were frostbitten and he hurtled down the ice. He fell 120 feet and there he dangled on the end of the rope.

It was snowing hard and the wind was blowing with terrific force. Time and time again the wind smashed Longhi on to the rock face. All day we strained to get him up but our strength was weakening.

### The Spider

Just before it got dark Longhi shouted: "Claudio, you go on and get help for me. Don't worry. I'll follow you. Give me some food and leave me."

We managed to leave him most of our food and we left him tied to a rock.

The Germans and I pushed on. We were on the spider (an ice formation 11,000 feet up on the wall) and forced our bodies to climb on.

## COLONY SCOUTS AT THE JAMBOREE



Two of Hong Kong's scouts attending the Boy Scouts Jamboree at Sutton Park, England, which closed yesterday. In the top picture, Lee Kwai-lam signs the autograph album in English and Chinese of a lady cubmistress, who visited their camp. Showing the true spirit of Scoutism, 13-year-old So Nam, (the youngest of the Hong Kong contingent) teaches fellow scout Leslie Mitchell of Cheshire how to use a diabolo in bottom picture.—Army News Service Photos.

## TWO PARTIES OF LOST MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS SAFE

Chamonix, Aug. 13. Two parties of lost mountain climbers managed to reach safety today, suffering only from exhaustion and cold, in the Mont Blanc region of the Alps. A third party, made up of a Pole and two Yugoslav Alpinists, was still missing.

Near Grenoble, an unidentified young man fell on a glacier and was feared dead. A rescue party has gone out to search for him.

One of the lost-and-found group of climbers which returned safely today was made up of three Poles who set out last Sunday to climb the "Green Needle". They were only a short distance from the summit when they were caught in a blinding snowstorm and sought refuge in a crevasse all night.

### BAD VISIBILITY

The next day, visibility was still bad, and they lost their way, being forced to camp out one more night. Late this afternoon, they managed to reach a lodge in the Alps, and planned to go on to Chamonix.

On their homeward trip, the three Poles stopped at an Alpine shelter where they met two other climbers listed as missing, Swiss climbers Michel Rey and Alexander Cretion, who had disappeared last Sunday while trying to climb the "Dru Needle." They had also been caught in the storm and forced to camp out while the weather cleared. They, too, reached safety and shelter late this afternoon.

## Western Concept Likely To Be Undermined By Zorin

By PAMELA MATTHEWS

London, Aug. 13.

MR Valerian Zorin, Soviet delegate at the five-nation disarmament talks here, may today have undermined the whole Western concept of initial disarmament progress divorced from political problems, according to Western conference sources here.

Mr Zorin, in his first major speech since the tabling on August 2 of Western proposals for aerial and ground inspection against ground attack, challenged current American optimism about the possibility of agreement at the five-month-old disarmament conference.

### ONLY IF

He told the Western delegates that the Soviet Government could accept the proposed three-stage reduction of ground force levels only if the Western powers dropped the settlement of political problems as a condition for moving to the second and third stage reductions.

This announcement, in the view of Western sources here, re-links the German problem with the disarmament negotiations at every stage of the discussion.

There was speculation here tonight whether Mr Zorin's move to drop the German question entirely from the discussion of first stage partial disarmament was linked to coincide with the conclusion of the visit of Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, to East Berlin.

### INDEPENDENTLY

The aim of Western policy in recent months has been to make possible the conclusion of a first step disarmament covering some measures of force level and conventional arms reduction, aerial and ground inspection against surprise attack and temporary cessation of nuclear testing independently of the solution of the German and security problems in Europe.

As part of the intended first stage agreement, the Western powers have proposed the reduction of the forces of the United States and Soviet Russia to 2,500,000 men each and those of France and Britain to 750,000 men each.

These levels are not made dependent on the solution of the German problem or the problem of European security, or any other political question.

### POLITICAL ISSUES

Further reductions to 2,100,000 and to 1,700,000 each for the USSR and the United States and to 700,000 and 650,000 each for Britain and France were however stated to be dependent on the solution of political issues.

By stating tonight that the Soviet Government could only accept the reduction to first stage levels if second stage reductions were independent of the solution of political problems, the Soviet Government appears in fact to have reintroduced the political factor at every stage, Western sources said.—China Mail Special.

## Work On Nepal Road Begins

Katmandu, Aug. 13.

Work on the 6,400 foot high road that is to link Katmandu to the Communist Chinese border began yesterday. It was learned today. Workers will be furnished by Nepal, while India will supply the equipment and engineers. The road will be built in two sections and is to be completed within the next five years.

The road will end at Rasuagadi, at the Tibetan frontier, where the Chinese have already begun the construction of a road from Rasuagadi to Lhasa.—France-Press.



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## Wilson's Economy Axe Strikes Defence Again

Washington, Aug. 13.

Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson swung his economy axe at the defence industry again today.

He ordered a five per cent reduction in the "progress payments" made by the Government to big defence contractors for aircraft, missiles and other military items which require a long time to manufacture.

The order, effective from Sept. 1, reduces these "installment payments" to 70 per cent of total costs, or 85 per cent, instead of the present 90 per cent, of direct labour and material costs.

### GREATER INCENTIVE

Wilson said the move will give contractors "greater incentives for economy" when most of their own money is involved in producing defence equipment. The new order will not affect small business suppliers who will continue to be eligible for progress payments of up to 75 per cent of total costs or 90 per cent of labour and material costs. Wilson's decision was the latest in a series of drastic

### Flights Costlier

Paris, Aug. 13.

Airline offices in France today increased the fares of all international flights payable in francs by 20 per cent, as a result of the adjustment in the tourist value of the franc.

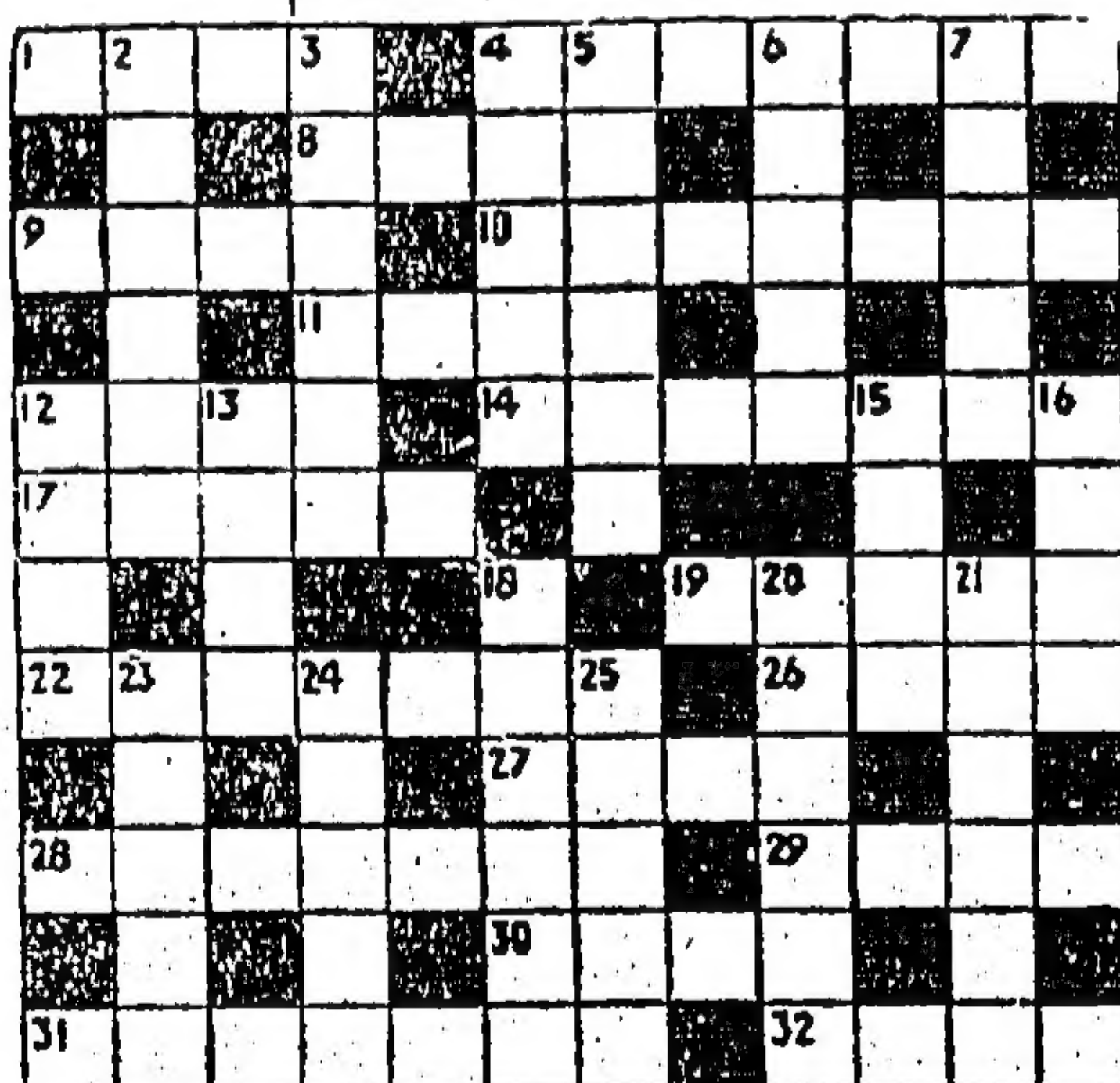
The increase applied to French as well as foreign companies with offices in France and the French Union.—France-Press.



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## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Christie—(with one?) (4).
- 2 Mum and Dad (7).
- 3 Some paper (4).
- 4 Flower girl (4).
- 5 It can be shot (7).
- 6 Do they fly to work? (4).
- 7 Sound as a bell (4).
- 8 How Dick was described (7).
- 9 China flower, maybe (5).
- 10 Quirrel on the stage? (5).
- 11 Boy-meets-girl (7).
- 12 Not productive (4).
- 13 Unnamed author (4).
- 14 Coward's stuff? (7).
- 15 He's not very bright (4).
- 16 State-provided room (4).
- 17 Delivered (7).
- 18 Listeners in the cornfield (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Wears away (6).
- 2 But it's a single voice (6).
- 3 Skinned (4).
- 4 Diverted, but turned aside (6).
- 5 Went down (5).
- 6 Lively (5).
- 7 Two of a kind (4).
- 8 I've mighty all right! (4).
- 9 Not a baseball pitcher (4).
- 10 Supplemented (4).
- 11 In short supply (6).
- 12 Is it light, powerful? (6).
- 13 Young crab? (6).
- 14 Undeveloped seed (3).
- 15 For those who like high living? (5).
- 16 The puzzle has now! (5).

**TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Sacred, 5 Spill, 8 Droll, 9 Damage, 10 Lairs, 11 Essay, 12 Mate, 13 Codes, 16 Severe, 18 Spares, 20 Therm, 22 Aldo, 23 A-part, 25 Trail, 26 Ironed, 27 Seine, 28 Shies, 29 Gender. Down: 1 Sediment, 2 Connote, 3 Edge, 4 Dresser, 5 Solace, 6 Player, 7 Large, 14 Designed, 15 Squander, 16 Samples, 17 Veering, 19 Praise, 21 Hatch, 24 Tree.

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## LET'S STOP THIS PANIC ON POLIO

ARE you an over-anxious parent? Would you keep your children in a germ-free glass cage if that were possible? Mrs Stewart certainly would.

Her son Jeremy only had to blush for her to believe he had scarlet fever.

"I'm sure she poured disinfectant over his lettuce instead of salad cream. As for Jeremy going to the bath for a swim, anyone would think the chlorine water was filled with boy-eating sharks."

"No," Mrs Stewart said, "you're exaggerating, doctor. Only I'm afraid he might pick up a polio germ there or something like that."

If a child has been exposed to polio, it is not a person engaged in during the incubation period of a polio infection, the mother will be the illness. Thus a chess player, sickening for polio has the advantage over an all-in wrestler.

"Jeremy hasn't been a contact," Mrs Stewart said. "Only I feel that if there are any germs going around it's best to avoid the swimming baths, of all places."

There was as much chance of Jeremy picking up polio in a swimming pool as at school or in a cinema. I might as well not travel anywhere by bus or train in case I sat next to a man who had leprosy.

Anyway, if polio were raging in any particular district the public health authorities would close down the public swimming baths if there were any real danger.

"Maybe I got alarmed too easily," Mrs Stewart confessed. "Many do get polio out of perspective. Polio is still fairly rare. It just happens to be news."

Most cases of poliomyelitis are mild anyway, not unlike an ordinary influenza attack. Many have already had the infection, unknown to them, thinking all the time it was just another cold with a slight fever. And such attacks, even when they pass unnoticed, give the person immunity for life.

And apart from this acquired immunity, there seems to be a high degree of natural resistance in the community.

### ALL IN A DOCTOR'S DAY

by CEDRIC CARNE

"All the same you should try to get your child vaccinated against it," I advised.

The paradox was that though Mrs Stewart was over-anxious about polio, she had not registered Jeremy to have the vaccine.

"Have you had your own children done?" she asked me.

"As a matter of fact I haven't yet," I replied.

"Like thousands and thousands of parents I had played safe. I wanted to see the result first. Not a noble attitude, I admit, for a doctor. But now I was more than prepared for my kids to have the British vaccine. The difficulty is, at the moment, that there is a shortage of the stuff."

"I take it, then, the results have been good?" Mrs Stewart said.

Of the first 200,000 to be given British polio vaccine, only six children were reported to have become ill after the vaccination. In none of these could the illness be related definitely to the anti-polio injections.

"Better than the American vaccine," said Mrs Stewart.

The first which the American vaccine has to undergo do not seem to be as strict as we demand in Britain. All the same, more than 100 million doses have been given in the U.S.A. with hardly any serious ill-effects.

People don't worry about having their children vaccinated against smallpox. It's done all the time without parents being worried at all.

Quite rightly. But it has been proved now that there is less risk in having your child vaccinated against polio than against smallpox.

"So there you are, Mrs Stewart," I said. "Register Jeremy. Meanwhile, let him go to the bath and be happy. Let him splash about and jump in at the deep end."

"No, no," Mrs Stewart said urgently.

"Why not?"

"He can't swim," she explained.



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## SIR MALCOLM SARGENT

### Flash Harry Beats the Band



by Les Armour

SIR MALCOLM SARGENT is the idol of the tailors and of Britain's teenagers. To his musicians he is known, irreverently, as "Flash Harry."

He does not mind.

He did not even mind when his arch rival, Sir Thomas Beecham, coined the worst pun of the century. After hearing of Sir Malcolm's triumph in Asia Sir Thomas snorted: "Flash in Japan, I suppose."

The critics are unanimously agreed that he is a first class musician. But a discussion of his techniques is liable to degenerate into a brawl.

Some of them think he offered £7,000 a year to conduct an orchestra in a London cinema for a few minutes each day. He refused.

On the other hand, he is not at all averse to personal publicity. After the annual Sir Henry Wood Promenade Concerts in the Albert Hall, he invariably has himself driven away in state in an automobile, whose interior lights illuminate his face while he waves regally to the crowd.

This, perhaps, is odd. Sir Malcolm lives just next door, in Albert Hall Mansions.

But the crowds — especially the teenagers — have their own ideas about the way in which a great man should behave, and Sir Malcolm believes in living up to them.

He would no more abandon his sartorial elegance than he would rewrite a Beethoven symphony.

And he believes that the customers who come to a symphony concert want something to look at. It may be that the orchestra would play best as well if, like Otto Klemperer and the ultra conservative school of conductors, he scarcely moved his baton at all.

But the customers would certainly lose some of their sense of the drama of music, and much of the art of bringing off a successful concert consists in getting the audience into the right state of mind.

To Sir Malcolm, this is as serious a matter as understanding the score.

It would be altogether wrong to suggest that he ever takes his music lightly. He started his career as an articled apprentice at Peterborough Cathedral and graduated to become organist at the parish church at Melton Mowbray.

He studied the piano under Moscheles and made his debut as a conductor directing his own composition, "Impressions on a Windy Day," at a Queen's Hall Promenade Concert in 1921.

He has composed little since, but Sir Henry Wood, the founder and then conductor of the "Proms," was so impressed by Sargent's performance that he advised him to make a career of conducting.

Sargent promptly complied by founding the Leicester Symphony Orchestra.

From there, he went on to become professor at the Royal Academy of Music, conductor of the British National Opera Company (now defunct), conductor of the Halle Orchestra and, ultimately, in 1950, chief conductor of the B.B.C. Symphony.

"Cheer up, Bagshot — after all, nothing can alter the fact that your TRUEst friend is born, not made."

Is this story "The portrait of a fiddle," "Saga of a dying breed," or is it a snapshot of something permanent; durable; something in a changing world — unchanged?

## "The Yeomen Of England"

By ALASTAIR DUNNETT

ABOUT 80 per cent of the farmers in Britain work on smallholdings and many of them live far from big cities or even sizable towns. In England those men used to be called yeomen, while in Scotland they were known as cottars in the Lowlands and crofters in the Highlands. The term crofter is still in use, but the yeomen and cottars are now more generally called smallholders.

Most of them run their farms on a family basis, with the help of their wives and one or more sons. Unlike the big farmers, where three, four, or more men are likely to be employed as workers, the smallholders know that they cannot produce enough from their land to give their families a decent standard of living, and pay for hired help as well. Often enough, particularly in a bad season

when the crops do not yield well, it is a hard struggle to make ends meet.

No one is idle on a smallholding. The men till the land, sow and harvest the crops, milk the cows and tend the pigs. The women look after the house, cook the meals, keep the clothes in order, and, as often as not, are responsible for looking after the hens, egg production, and butter and cheese making. Most farm houses in Britain now have running water, instead of having to pump bucketful from a well, but many have still neither electricity nor gas, and rely on the pleasant, soft light of oil lamps.

Many smallholders own the land they work. But whether they are owners or pay rent they are proud of running their own businesses, and of being self-reliant and independent of other people. They are usually very careful with money and manage to save a little against hard times. They love the land, it is their lifeline, and they are determined to pass it on to their sons in an even better condition than they found it.

It is the oldest son who inherits the holding. It is not split up amongst all the sons as is the case in some countries. In Britain it is felt that in time this would lead to ridiculously small holdings. So the eldest son inherits, and the others seek out smallholdings of their own or work on bigger farms or, as a last resort, take a job in a town or city.

It is a last resort, because for a true smallholder there is no time for city ways. He loves the life of the countryside. He may have a wireless set, but he is unlikely to listen to it unless it be to hear the weather report for his area, or the prices livestock are fetching in his local market. It is extremely improbable that there is a television set in the house.

Generally the smallholder is frankly contemptuous of entertainment, ready-made for him. He prefers to provide his own. He is often a great reader and, because he has time to think, conversation in these remote farm houses is frequently of as high a quality as can be found anywhere in Britain.

Village dances in the local halls are great occasions, and the women folk are busy for days beforehand baking delicacies to sustain the revellers in the intervals between dancing. The local hall, which is quite likely to be the church hall, is also used for concerts, for flower shows, and for staging plays produced, acted, and sometimes written by the people who live in the neighbourhood.

Most smallholders are deeply religious, and the clergyman in a country parish enjoys a prestige which is shared, but rarely equalled, by the doctor and the schoolmaster. It is to a clergyman that life with little or no pretension about it. The family comes first, and then the local community. It is a limited life and local feuds are by no means unknown, and can be very bitter. Above all, it must be a happy life, for in many cases the holdings have been passed down from father to son through many generations. It is a sad smallholder indeed who finds himself with no son to whom to pass on his skill, his knowledge, his land — in a word, his inheritance.

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That is the kind of devotion the man inspires.

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## Men Of Medicine

### A Noose

was waiting but — they stood to cheer

SLEEVES rolled up to keep them from the rush of blood, instruments unsterilised, washed like the common table silver, the patient strapped to a home-made wooden table conspicuous under the probing surgical steel, an American frontier surgeon made medical history on Christmas Day in 1899. Defying the threats of an angry mob, Ephraim McDowell, pioneer doctor of Boone Trace, Kentucky, performed the operation which even Europe's greatest halls of medicine had echoed could not be done.

### Frontier Rider

McDowell was used to riding a hundred miles through the frontier wilderness to see his patients. He had ridden sixty miles to the cabin of Mrs Thomas Crawford, whose painfully swollen abdomen had led others to believe that she was about to have a child — even twins. But McDowell shuddered at what he found in that crude bed of willow-boughs. True, he had studied abroad, at Edinburgh in fact, but even the best surgeon's duties scarcely went beyond dressing wounds and performing amputations.

No one had ever expected to cut into the great body cavity of the abdomen with any success, even to attempt to remove the sort of affliction from which Mrs Crawford was suffering there before him, an ovarian tumour, whose excruciating presence offered no escape but death. No escape, unless she dared submit herself to the unheard-of operation he proposed.

Ephraim McDowell had been the leading surgeon of the Kentucky frontier; and Mrs Crawford, cast in the same pioneer mould, accepted.

As they rode the painful 60 miles back to his office in Danville, it became evident that her life was not the only one dependent upon the success of the operation. Word of McDowell's daring plan had spread before them, and by the time he was prepared to operate, a mob had gathered outside his doors, and a noose swung over the limb of a tree, ready for McDowell, should the operation fail. He prepared to keep her alive in those days before antiseptic surgery and anaesthesia. Strapped to the plain wood table, Mrs Crawford was given a few opium pills to calm her, and as the operation proceeded the stark hymns to keep her spirit alive. After twenty-five minutes, it was over. McDowell had removed a fifteen-pound tumour, sewn up the incision, and she was still alive. But even as the seething crowd outside drew its angry breath and cheered, McDowell knew that the real danger still lay ahead. Five days later he was stunned to see his patient up making her bed.

Border Legend

Mrs Thomas Crawford died at the age of seventy-nine, long after the man who had saved her life had become a living frontier legend, and long after his achievement had been repeated, to save the lives of others in America and abroad, and to rescue abdominal surgery from the terrors of the unknown. Yet it is only recently, with the discovery of modern antibiotics, that the threat of what McDowell himself feared most has been allayed, the fatal infection which could destroy in a moment the achievement of the most deft surgery, and the most courageous hopes of the bravest surgeon and patient alike.

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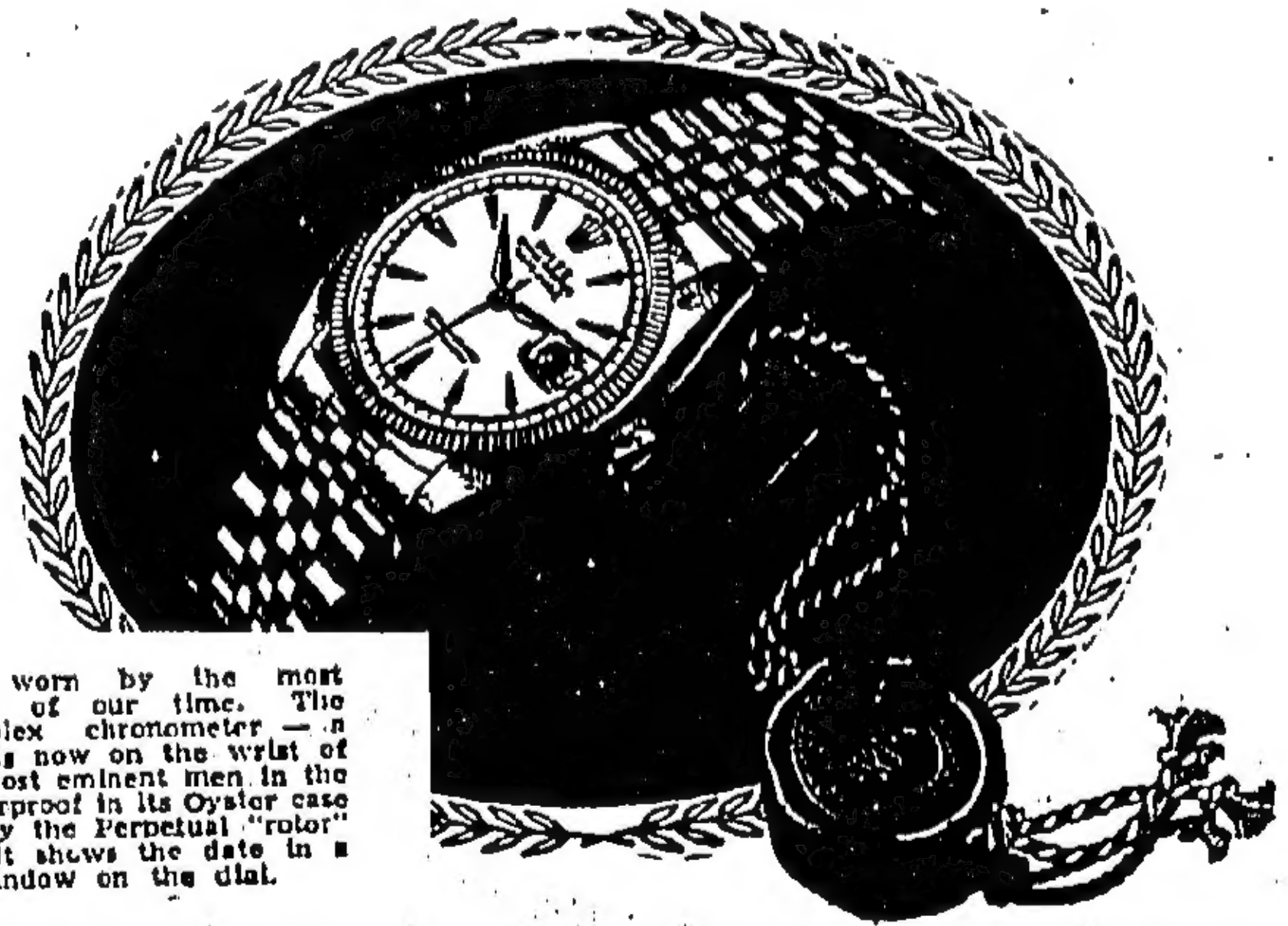
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### POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Cheer up, Bagshot — after all, nothing can alter the fact that your TRUEst friend is born, not made."









The spotlight this week features a departing sportsman in double champion Major Sam Biggart, R.A.M.C., of the British Military Hospital, Bowen Road, holder of the Army Golf title, and this year's Squash Rackets Champion. Sam will be sorely missed, particularly by his Corps where he has been the leading light in both sports, with, in addition, above average displays at hockey for his unit.

Added to a very busy professional life, Sam has also found time to act as Chairman of both Golf and Squash Sections of the Land Forces Sports Board, and it goes without saying that both sections of these sports are at present as healthy as a medical specialist can make them.

I was delighted to see that the HKAFA have decided to award a pennant to the R.A.M.C. all-rounder, Captain John Hunter, who in his usual modest way had kept quietly out of the Colony (in the last "Trooper").

Here is another sportsman the Army and, indeed, the Colony will miss, a man brilliant as an athlete and coach, who set a shining example of amateurism in sport as it really should be, but so seldom is these days.

#### STIRRINGS

With the sun at its hottest the organizers of the major sports, football, cricket, and rugby, are stirring in preparation for yet another season of endeavour. Officers in charge of football are reminded that the annual meeting of the Army Football Association (A.F.A.) will be held tomorrow at 10.30 in the Victoria Barracks, commencing at 10.30 hours, when election of officials, competition dates, eligibility of players, and the provision of trophies will be the main items on the agenda. In addition, information is required immediately by Major C.H.P. Hixon, R.A. Hon. Secretary of the A.F.A., of details of all players considered to be up to the mark, Army standard, who wish to be considered for Army honours, details of age, experience, position of play, R.F.P. date, etc. should be included.

While on the subject of football, a volunteer is very much required as Man-of-the-Week for the various Army leagues. Knowledge of football is not really essential for these duties, but being on the end of a telephone is necessary, as is, in addition, a certain amount of being here for the whole of the season.

Anyone volunteering may be assured that he will be doing a really essential job for Army football, and a telephone call or letter to Major Hixon, Camp Commandant HQLE (F.R. 430), accepting this post, will be gratefully received.

Strangely enough Major Hixon, who also manages to find time to be Chairman and Secretary of Army Tennis, is anxious to find a secretary for this sport, to relieve him of some of the load—some action please, volunteers.

#### CRICKET LEAGUE

Getting off an hour ahead of the schedule, the cricket authorities invite unit attendance at Victoria Hall at 6.30 hrs. tomorrow, when a very important proposal will be discussed, that of forming a Major and Minor Units Cricket League.

This would seem an excellent idea providing sufficient grounds are available. In the past units unsuccessful in the knockout and subsequent plate competition literally had two games of cricket during the season unless they were fortunate enough to find someone to give them a friendly match. With a league, regular games are assured, a greater interest is maintained, and with more play, the standard should be raised.

Increased temperatures have brought out more and more swimmers, and unit games are the order of the day. Command Workshops REME take the plunge on Aug. 17, the RAPC on Aug. 24, 74 LAA Rgt. RA on Aug. 28, and HXCTU on Aug. 31, all in the Victoria Barracks pool.

The Army Swimming Championships will be held as two separate contests this year, the Inter-Unit competition being held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, starting with heats at 10.30 hrs., and the finals from 15.00 hrs., while the individual Championships commence with heats on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 14.30 hrs., with the final being swum on Friday, Sept. 20, from 14.30 hrs., all at the Victoria pool.

Entries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Land Forces Swimming Union, Lieut. G.J. Sharpe, R.A.P.C. Command Pay Office Hongkong, and should reach him by Sept. 1 for the team, and Sept. 4 for individual entries.

The Army water polo team will meet first in the first round of the water polo knockout competition to be held at the Victoria Barracks Pool on Friday, Aug. 16, commencing at 21.15 hrs., and it is hoped that

pool fans will turn out in force to cheer their team to victory.

#### SIX-A-SIDES END

Last Thursday saw the end of summer six-a-side hockey in Victoria Barracks, when the finals of the knockout and plate competitions were held.

The Commandant, British Forces, Lieut. General Sir Eric St. Helen KBE, CB, the Chief of Staff, Colonel M.V. Fletcher, a number of senior Staff Officers, together with a very large crowd of enthusiasts, were treated to two full-blooded and exciting games.

In the final of the plate competition for teams knocked out in the first round the RAPC six of WO Ken Blom, Sigs, Eric Peale and Fred Kellier, and Pies, Kenneth Owens, James Wilkinson, and Mike O'Brien met a very determined G (Int) sextet of Capt. Gordon Jones, Lieut. Jenkins, Sgt. Jack McDonald, Cpl. Eddie Crutcheon, Pte. Bill Smith and Mr. Roger Karmidin.

First blood went to the Pay boys when a loose ball crossed the goal and was pounced on by Wilkinson and slammed in, but this was nullified almost immediately when Roger converted a penalty. And within seconds repeated the dose and rubbed it in just before half time when yet another to make the score 3-1 at the break.

The second half found Pay doing everything they could to pull up, but they were rather erratic in front of goal and in two breakaways Roger Karmidin made the result safe for G (Int) with two further well-taken goals to bring his tally to all five scored. Capt. Gordon Jones was a tower of strength in defence, and for the victors who on the play fully deserved the win.

With the temperature in the nineties the long-awaited final between the Royal Engineers and HQ Land Forces started off in a remarkably impressive pace. But this tempo was maintained, and can be attributed to the keenness and excitement of both players and spectators and the latter were treated to a first class exhibition of fast, clever hockey, with a few sharp up the spirit with no quarter asked for or given.

The first score came after two minutes when, after the referee had very intelligently ignored a case of obstruction, Major Francis Stroud whipped the ball in from a goal mouth niche. Major John Marsh, accepting an opening from a ball off the right wall, levelled the score for the HQ side.

End to end play ceased with the award of a penalty bully for the Sappers and after a lengthy tussle WO Jeff Blischoff had the misfortune to allow the ball into the goal when well out of the goal area, and with the automatic award of a goal for a defender's infringement the half ended with RE 2, HQLE 1.

#### NO RESPIRE

The second period was just as fiercely contested. At times I thought that the Sappers had dropped a Bailey Bridge lengthways across the goal, so near did the HQ players come to scoring without actually doing so. Midway through this period the ball came to WO Rowland Thomas near the centre mark and, deftly avoiding defenders, he rapidly converted it into a goal-scoring effort to bring up the score to level at two.

Sitting centrally, I developed a table tennis neck, so rapidly did the ball pass back and forth, and the partners of each side must all have been on the verge of heart failure, so close were the near misses. In the dying seconds of the game, when most were looking forward to extra time, the Sappers were awarded a 'free' and the ball was sent in only to accidentally touch the foot of Major John Lawless and from the resulting penalty bully the RE scored to take the game and the double of League and Cup.

I felt that the RE team of Majors Terry, Standman and Ernest Stroud, with S/Sgt Dave Jessop, L/Cpl. John Rawlings and Brian Cohen, and Sqr Dave Williams had just that 'little edge' and perhaps a shade the better of the 'run of the ball' while the HQLE six of Majors John Marsh and John Lawless, Capt. Mike Tennant, WO's Jeff Blischoff and Rowland Thomas

# VICTORS OVER LUZ BROTHERS ELIMINATED IN THEIR TURN

## Yesterday's Open Pairs Championship Matches

By "TOUCHER"

A. F. Noronha and C. E. Roza-Pereira of Recreio, who made the headlines by scoring an upset win in an earlier round over the former champion combination of the Luz brothers, were eliminated in the fourth round of the Colony Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday.

Both failed to reproduce the brilliant form they displayed in their last match and bowed out to the Craigengower and Indian Recreation Club combination of C. K. Sung and A. M. Omar by 18-22.

## Frenchman Clocks Fastest Time In Professional Pursuit Cycling Event

Liege, Aug. 13.

France's Roger Riviere today clocked the fastest time in the first round of the professional pursuit event of the World Cycling Championships, when he covered the five kilometres in 6 minutes, 17.4 seconds.

Altogether, eight riders qualified for the quarter-final round, after recording the fastest time in the first round.

They were:  
Roger Riviere (France) in 6 minutes, 17.4 seconds.  
Leandro Faggin (Italy) in 6 mins, 19.6 secs.  
Kay Werner Nielsen (Denmark) 6 mins, 22.4 secs.



#### BASEBALL

## Cardinals Drop Their Seventh Straight Game

New York, Aug. 13. The Chicago Cubs snapped a three-game losing streak today with a 6-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, ending their seventh straight game.

Bob Rush blanked the Cards for eight innings, but gave way to Dick Littlefield in the ninth after Joe Cunningham had doubled home both St. Louis runs.

Rush contributed a pair of doubles in gaining his third victory, scoring Bobby Morgan, who had walked in the third, and then scoring himself on two singles. He doubled again in the seventh and came home on Bobby Adams' single. Ernie Banks homered for the Cubs. Fern Wehrmer was the loser.

At Kansas City a pair of homers to lead Detroit to a 3-1 victory over Kansas City in the day portion of a day-night doubleheader. Both of Kansas's homers came with the bases empty off Arnie Portocarrero.

Paul Foytack, who won his 13th game, was lifted in the eighth after giving up a homer to Lou Skizas.

#### GAME SCORES

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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Wheeler, Schmidt (7); Whinnell (8) and Lane (9) and House (10) and Neenan, WP—Rush (3-12), LF—Wheeler (0-6), 1B—Banks (2-1).

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Detroit ..... 010 001 100-3-1-1  
Kansas City ..... 000 000 010-1-0-0  
Foytack (6) and House (7) and Portocarrero, Trucks (8) and Smith (9)—Foytack (13-10), 2B—Portocarrero (2-7), 1B—Skizas, 2, (10) and (11), Skizas (10th)—United Press.

and Cpl. Bill Bailey gave of their best.  
Outstanding in attack and defence for the losers was Jeff Blischoff, while Rowland Thomas, I felt, played a little below his normal excellent game.

#### THE DEREK IBBOTSON STORY

## I Chased Parachutes

...And Became World Champion

He is the fastest miler in history... an ex-engineer who can't stop running... The racing machine with the piston-like legs. Derek Ibbotson's story is told

by JOHN ROSS



IBBOTSON

Toes are three inches away

The taxi-driver scratched his head when I asked for Derek Ibbotson's house. "We taxi-drivers," he said, "don't know where young Derek lives. Don't get the chance he runs home when he hasn't his car."

Home for 25-year-old Ibbotson is at Berry Brow, three miles out of Huddersfield—and all uphill, which shows the lengths to which this fantastic racing machine will go to keep those piston-like legs in top condition.

I found Ibbotson fussing over his 21-year-old wife, Madeleine, and—more quietly—over his mother, who has been in bed for more than a year.

"Mother mustn't get excited," said the world's fastest miler. "She always asks the results of my races, but she is never allowed to watch me on television. Too risky."

Ibbotson took me into the kitchen of his parents' terraced house where the running family Ibbotson is staying, until their new bungalow is ready.

"Life is great for me these days," he said. "It's great to be winning. That's why I like running and that's why I took it up. I like winning so I just run to win—and as it happens I usually do."

"But it isn't all fun running," he said. "I'm a bit of a workaholic. I take a lot of sweat and toil to get there. And more to stick there—there is always room at the top if someone gets shoved off."

"In my early schooldays my main interest was in soccer and cricket, but even then no one in Berry Brow, my native village, could have called me a jolter. At eight I was the champion parachute collector of Crossland Moor, which fringed the village."

"These chutes had probably more to do with my running than anything else in my life."

"They were made of nylon and were used by a well-known firm for testing their Vercy lights. Every day a gang of us would gather on the moor and watch for the chutes drifting on earth. Then the race was on."

#### CHAMPION

"Did I say anything? They floated for miles and we used to bound across the moor after them—changing direction with the wind."

"But I ended up with the most nylon handkerchiefs in Berry Brow, and after six years of chute-chasing I had nylon running pants too."

"Those six years of moor running developed my legs and lungs until I could go for hours—and I still can. But I did not really think of racing until I moved from the local council school to King James Grammar School at Almondsbury. They were keen on physical training and they made you run whether you liked it or not. I loved it."

"I discovered, too, that even without the bolt of a nylon parachute I could run faster

than the others. That decided me to concentrate on running. I haven't stopped since."

"It is nonsense to say that I am spoiling myself by running so much. Running is my life. I train for running by running, which seems sensible enough to me. Some critics say I will burn myself out with such a non-stop racing calendar."

#### WOULD STOP

"TAKE I from me, however, that I would soon stop if I felt myself burning up. Any athlete knows just what he can do."

"Back to the grammar school. I was not long there when I joined my local athletic club, Longwood Harriers."

"They helped me a lot and soon I was one of their star cross-countrymen."

"Cyril Foster, the club coach, honed out many of my rough edges, and with the screaming came extra speed."

"I have no coach now. I don't need one. Coaches in my opinion are useful for lads up to about 18 or 19. After that the main job of a coach is to instil confidence. That's the last thing I need."

"Confidence apart, what can a coach teach you once your style has formed? As for those fancy exercises, I never do them."

"Incredible as it may seem, I cannot touch my toes. I fall by at least three inches."

"After a while with Longwood I ran myself into the Yorkshire team. I took the junior mile when I was 16 and went on to do the half-mile."

"Not without luck the third time. The date was brought forward and I managed to scrape in a few days before my 18th birthday."

"Incidentally at 18 I won the 440 yards, the 800, the mile, and the 120 yards hurdles in Huddersfield. Technical College sports. Can you imagine me going over the hurdles?"

#### BAD LUCK

"I have had bad luck as well. In 1953 I crashed on my motor-cycle as I was going to Blackpool to see their match with Huddersfield Town. The result was torn ligaments and no running for two months. I had to miss the Yorkshire, Northern, and AAA Championships."

"But a few weeks after getting my spines on again I won the mile at Honey, near Huddersfield."

"Even then people were saying that Ibbotson was going to

retire because of injuries. That rumour was dived on October 13 when I received a telegram asking me to run against the Russians at Manchester. And in December that year I was called up to the RAF. These two National Service years were the most important of my career."

#### NEXT ARTICLE

The RAF... and why Derek always wears that vest.

## Rain Delays Surrey's Sixth Championship

London, Aug. 13. A waterlogged pitch at the Oval here prevented any play on the final day of Surrey's cricket match against Middlesex today.

So Surrey, with six matches left to play, still require 11 points to win the English County Championship for the sixth consecutive season.

The rain held off at Wellingborough, where Northamptonshire keep alive their faint hopes of overhauling Surrey by beating Essex by eight wickets. Brian Taylor hit 165 out of Essex's second innings total of 204.

Bruce Dooland, Nottinghamshire's Australian all-rounder, seemed the first player this season to achieve the coveted double of one thousand runs and one hundred wickets when he captured a Warwickshire wicket in the first over at Trent Bridge today.

In helping his side to win by 175 runs, Dooland took five wickets for 64 in the first innings and returned the splendid figures of four for five in the second.

#### RESULTS

At Loughborough, match drawn. Leicestershire 142 and 172 (Palmer 50, van Golen 58, Chesteron five for 58), Worcestershire 120 and 107 for six (Leicestershire two points).

At Portsmouth, match drawn. Hampshire 231 for eight declared and 182 for four declared (Gray 103 not out), Derbyshire 202 for eight declared and 177 for eight (Hampshire four points).

At Cheltenham, match abandoned. Sussex 168. Gloucestershire 10 for four.—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOLS

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GROMATH



## SWIMMING

Shelly Mann  
Announces Her  
Retirement

Houston, Aug. 13. World record holder Shelly Mann, an all-time great among female swimmers, announced today she will retire to finish her college education.

The announcement came as Miss Mann, 19, led her Walter Reed Army Hospital swim club contingent into the opening events of the Women's National AAU Swim meet today.

"Swimming has been awfully good to me but now I've decided it's time to develop other interests," Miss Mann said. "Training and keeping in shape is almost a full time job. I can't do this and also pursue a college education which I plan to do this autumn."

Miss Mann, of Washington, D.C., holds seven swimming records, most important of which are world standards in the 100-yard butterfly (1:04.1) and 220-yard butterfly (2:22.0). She is a native of Arlington, Virginia.—United Press.

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Bowls  
2nd Division League: KCC v USRC.  
Tennis  
Tennis Close for LRC Tennis Tournaments.

## TOMORROW

Bowls  
Ladies' Singles: Quarter-finals matches at KDGC, KCC, KDC.  
Tennis  
Children's Golf Deep Water Bay—Club Competition.  
Slick-O: Par Bique & Guest Day.

## WEST GERMAN TENNIS

Singles Title For  
Mervyn Rose

Hamburg, Aug. 13. Mervyn Rose, of Australia, won the West German Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

He beat Pierre Darmon, of France, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 in the final, which lasted only 45 minutes.—Reuter.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE  
BY LANCASHIRE  
West Indians Win With  
Two Hours To Spare

Manchester, Aug. 13.

The West Indies met with surprisingly stubborn resistance before beating Lancashire by nine wickets in the three-day cricket match ending here today.

Lancashire, who resumed 31 runs behind with only five wickets left, added 120 runs in 110 minutes this morning and left the West Indies to get 90 runs to win.

The West Indies lost a wicket with 12 on the board, but Myron Aspinall (46) and Clyde Walcott (38) added 70 in an unbroken run-a-minute second wicket stand to clinch the match with about two hours to spare.

Final scores were: West Indies, 317 for five declared and 91 for one. Lancashire 79 and 327.

## SURPRISING RECOVERY

Dick Bowman, the young Oxford University pace bowler, who was making his initial appearance for Lancashire, was chief architect in the country's surprising recovery. His 55, which included 10 and six fours, was top score in both Lancashire innings.

William Heys, Lancashire's reserve wicketkeeper, helped

Bowman in a fighting ninth wicket stand of 45.

Heys finished with 48 after hitting a six and seven fours.

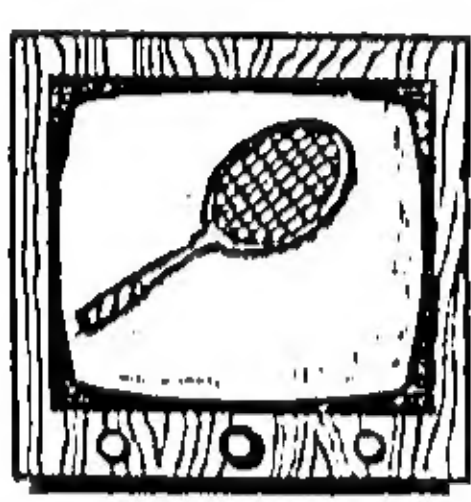
Lancashire were still full of fight when the West Indies batted again, but after Bowman had dismissed Bruce Paardeaude at 12, helped by a magnificent catch by Ken Griggs, Aspinall and Walcott mastered a varied attack and knocked off the necessary runs without much anxiety.—Reuter.

## GOLF MATCH DRAW

The draw and starting times for the Shek-O C.C. versus R.H.K.C.C. match to be played at Shek-O on Sunday, August 18 are as follows:

8.30 a.m. A.M. Mack (14)/K.M. Campbell (14) v J.L. Bonnar (11)/W.H. Paterson (11). 9.00 a.m. A.M. Kennedy (11)/M.A. Woolcombe (11) v P.G. Corbett (8)/A.B. Coleman (11). 9.15 a.m. J.C. Thomson (11)/E.G. Smith Wright (11) v J.C. Thomson (11)/E.G. Smith Wright (11). 9.30 a.m. G.D. Carter (11)/Robinson (11)/H.D. Neve (8) v R.H. Callings (11)/M.A. Woolcombe (11). 9.45 a.m. G.C.S. Turner (11)/G.T. Tong (14) v J.D. Shakespeare (11)/L. Kay (9). 10.00 a.m. H. Cleland (10)/N.J. Booker (10) v H.J. Clarke (7)/W.P. Birkenhead (10). 10.15 a.m. G.G.D. Carter (11)/H.D. Neve (8) v Kim Hall (10)/J.D. Muckle (10). 10.30 a.m. W. Jany (10)/J. Sheenaker (7) v D. Anderson (10)/R.H. Coombs (10). 10.45 a.m. F.D. Hammond (18)

D.A.L. Wright (15) v F.R. Zimmerman (11)/J.B. Wilson (13): 9.40 a.m. M.R. Fox (10)/V.E. Vaughan (11) v L. Goldman (11)/S.S. Gordon (11). 10.00 a.m. S.M. Paine (11)/J.B. Leckie (11) v M.L. W. To (11). 10.15 a.m. T.L. Griffin (10): 9.54 a.m. L.M.S. Lloyd (11) v J.C. Stoker (11). 10.30 a.m. R. Finkins (14)/F. de Jong (10) v E.C. Brown (12)/A. McDonald (14): 10.00 a.m. L.C. Kemp (11)/A.K. Murray (11) v J.C. Knight (11)/Wing Commander Webster (11): 10.15 a.m. G.Z. Harder (10)/J.P. Moyles (18) v J.J. King (10)/M. Rees (10): 10.22 a.m. Don Gelsa (10)/C.H. de Gevelia (12) v A.W.P. Cox (20)/M.L. W. H. Amour (11): 10.29 a.m. D.L. Page (10)/N. Gorman (10) v J.C. Singer (10)/E.S. Hewson (10): 10.30 a.m. C. Dumas (24)/O. Turville (20) v W.D. Foster (24)/C.H. Mackay (24). All first named combinations are from the Shek-O Country Club. An competitor who is unable to play is requested kindly to find his own substitute, and advise his partner.



## NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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2 With a smile?  
3 Gentle stroke  
4 London suburb  
5 Before the bounce  
6 Such a stroke  
7 Summer game  
8 A car for instance  
9 Victorious  
10 This hit  
11 Associate

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## BE SPECIFIC



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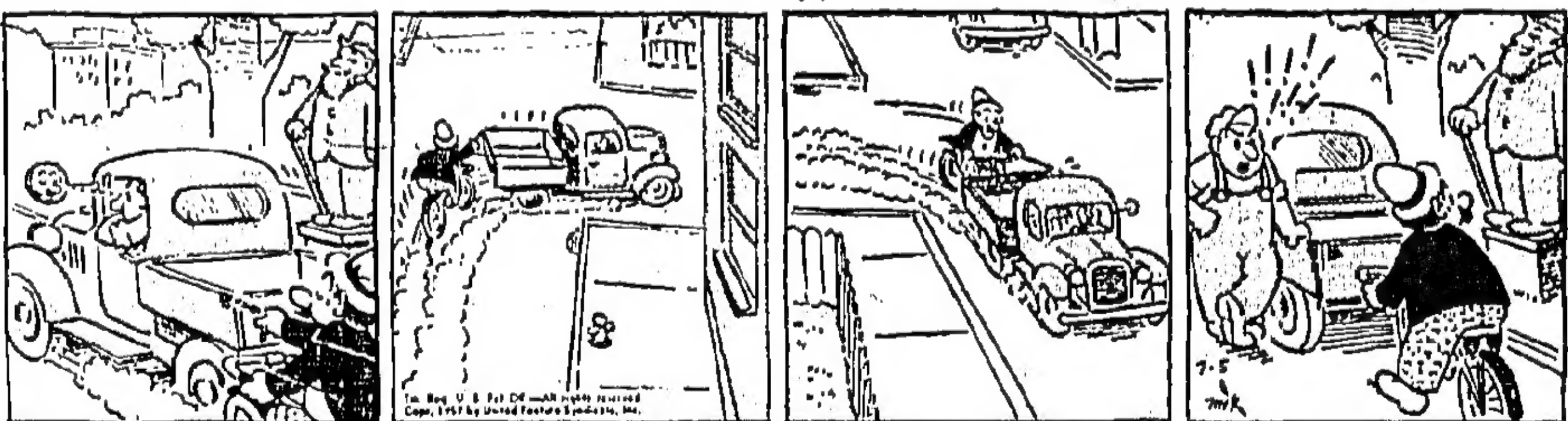


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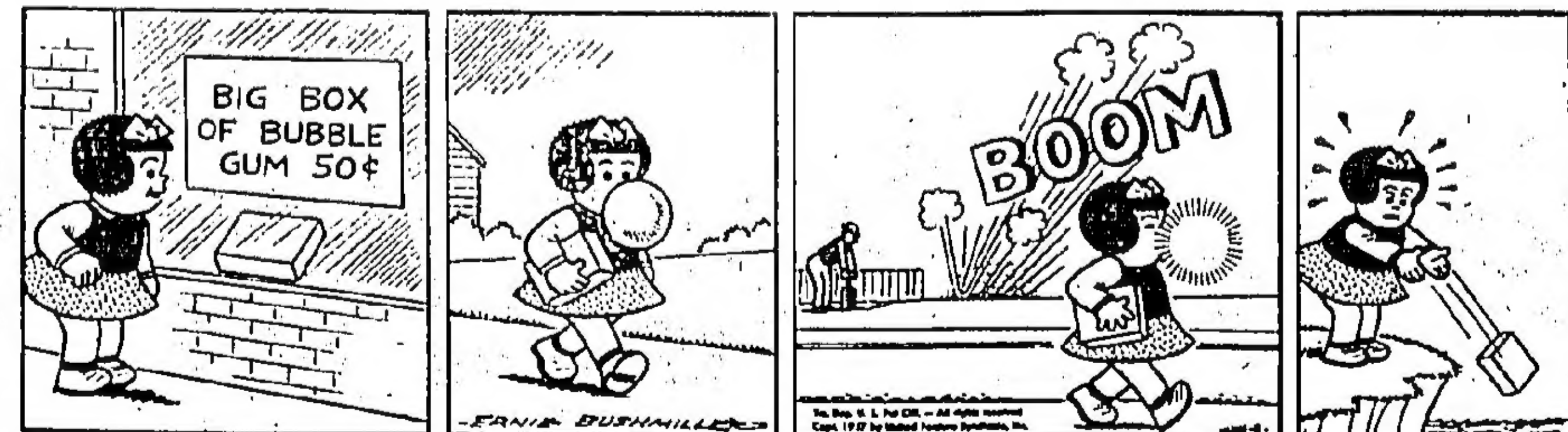
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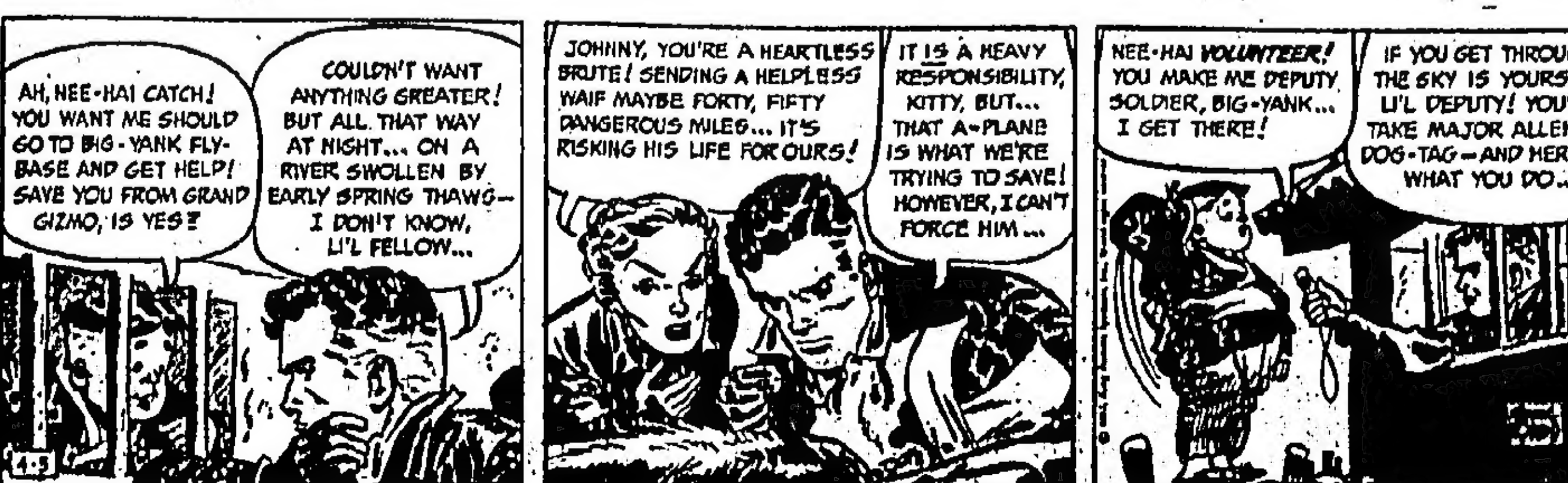
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## SWIMMING

Three Break  
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Style Record

Houston, Aug. 13. Australian sensation swimming today, Dawn Fraser and Lorraine Crapp, and a 13-year-old Californian, all broke the American 110-Yard Free Style swimming record today.

The record of 1:05.6, set last year by Nancy Simon of Miami, Florida, fell in preliminary heats as the women's national AAU swimming and diving meet began under a cloudy sky.

An Olympic star, Miss Fraser covered the distance in the 55-year Shamrock Hilton Hotel pool in the time of 1:04.5 while her running mate, Miss Crapp, finished third with a 1:05.4.

Chris von Saltza, a 13-year-old water spitter from Santa Clara, California, covered the 110-yard event in a flat 1:05 to come in second behind Miss Fraser.

Californian youngsters dominated action in three of the four afternoon preliminary events—the 1 Mile Free Style, Metre Dive and 110-Yard Breast Stroke—but did poorly in the 110-Yard Free Style despite Miss Von Saltza's record-breaking performance.

Irene McDonald, a 22-year-old Los Angeles secretary, pipped up 259.5 points to gain a four-point edge over a university of Southern California co-ed, Paula Jean Myers, in the One Metre Diving trout. Miss McDonald is a native of Toronto, Canada, and competed for Canada in the Olympic Games at Melbourne.—United Press.

Six International  
Soccer Matches  
In Singapore?

Singapore, Aug. 13. Soccer administrators said today they were planning matches in Singapore against six international sides within the next few weeks.

Singapore Amateur Football Association teams were expected to play against Easterns of Hongkong (August 21, 24 and 26), the Burmese national side (September 11), Hapoel of Israel (September 14 and 15), Bangalore of India (October 25, 27, 30 and November 2 and 3 but tour still tentative).

The Association had not fixed dates but had accepted visits by a Swedish team and the Philippines. Cheng Hong All-Fraternity Association.—Reuter.



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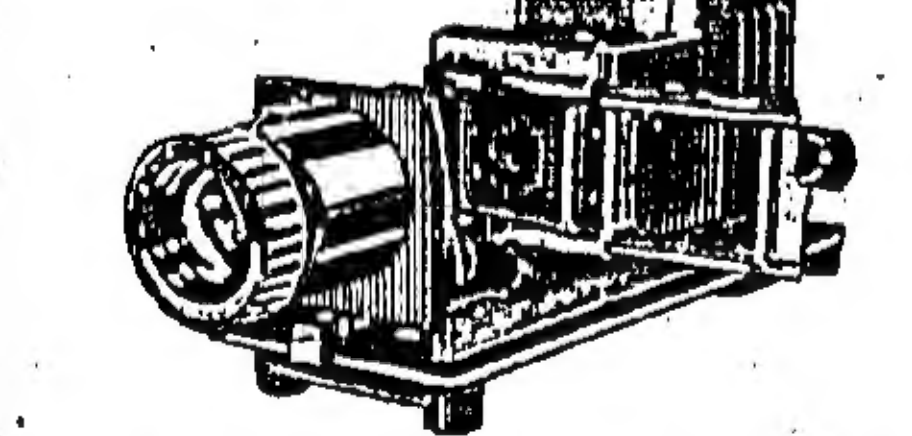


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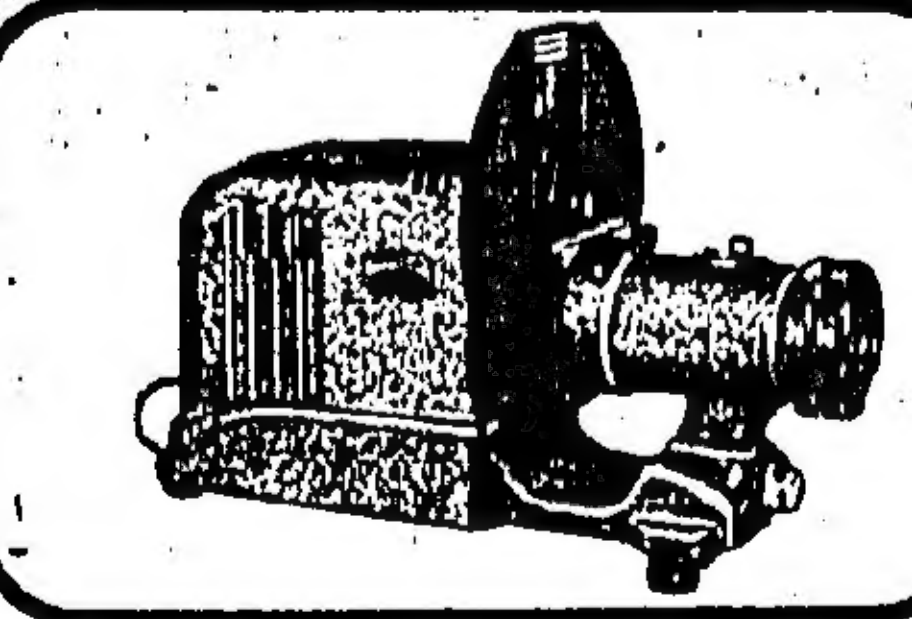
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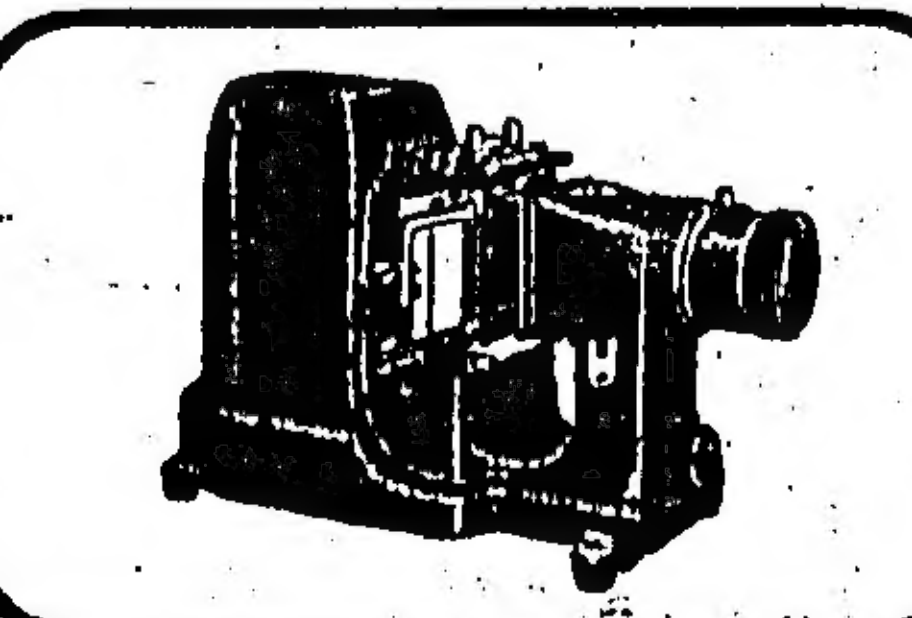


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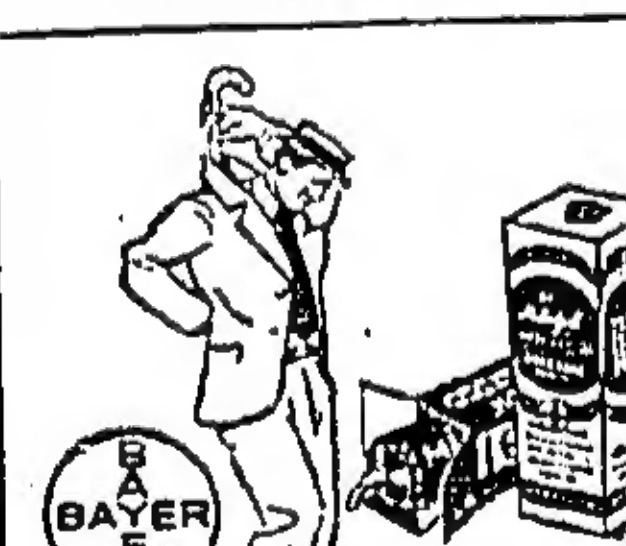
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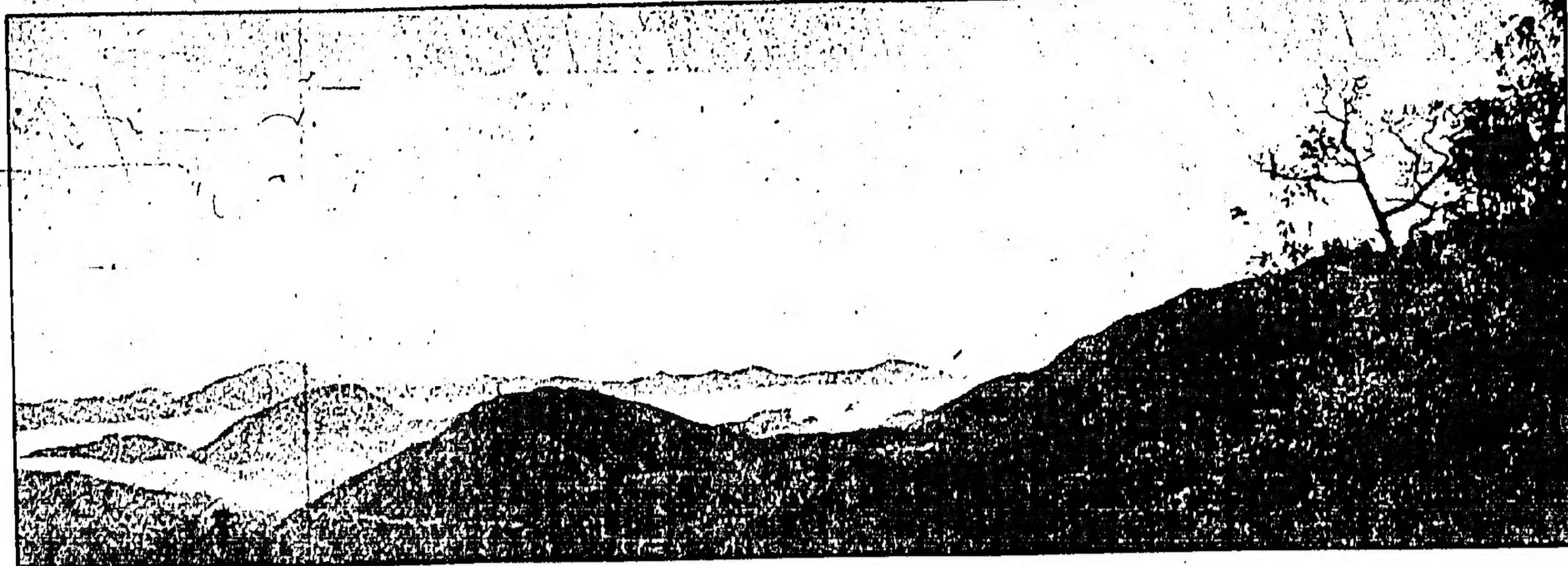
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# ISLAND OF WOMEN

THE lovely isle of Lamma is predominantly an island of women. Wives and mothers of men who sail the seas, or who have gone abroad to seek fortune. And children, sun-tanned, round-faced with round black eyes. Sturdy children. Gravely serious one moment, then convulsed with little gales of mirth. It is such a friendly, happy place.

There is talk about the development of Lamma. Water has to be brought, roads built. Villagers live under conditions of almost primitive simplicity as generations of rural communities have lived in China for hundreds of years.

## Rich, Verdant

The land is rich and verdant after the recent rains. Crops are luxuriantly green. Trees heavy with ripening fruit. In the hearts of the people there is a richness too. A legacy of love left by Dorothy Robertson, the New Zealand medical missionary who devoted ten years of her life to these islands.

Now there is no European on Lamma, but the threads of Miss Robertson's work have been picked up by three Chinese women.

One is a nurse who did her early training with Miss Robertson. She is Miss Chung Oi-king, who qualified in midwifery at the Netherlands Hospital and who has taken charge of the fine new Government clinic recently erected in Lamma.

## Chinese Dress

Next there is the Bible-woman, Miss Lai Kam-ling, who visits the aged and those in distress. She takes the services in the tiny bare building which is the Church of Christ in China for Lamma. Inside is a small lecture and a few benches. On one side wall a framed picture of Christ and the Fishermen hangs. On the opposite side is a coloured print of Martha and Mary in Chinese dress.

The third woman is the teacher—gentle Mrs Luk Mei-hing, wife of a Professor of Peking University, and with religious accomplishment of her own. Seeking refuge, the husband (now working in Hongkong as a clerk for a mere pittance) wife and five children came to Lamma ten years ago. They found a small stone cottage on the hillside—high above the Baitan Tree Cove.

Mrs Luk is in charge of the Sunday School and also has



MRS LUK MEI-HING

given much of her time to teach the village children who would otherwise have no schooling. She is young—too young to send her daughter to school in Hongkong, as she clearly wishes, but she takes no money for teaching.

On our recent visit to Lamma Mrs Luk was our guide. She came to Hongkong to meet us, thinking we should never find the trading launch among dozens of others along the wharves beyond Sai Wan. This launch

above were sides of fat pork, Chinese sausages, clusters of slugs and odd garments.

## Deafening

With deafening roars and shuddering vibrations the engine started up. In a very short time we had reached Lamma. The isle which promised loveliness when viewed

## by JILL DOGGETT

from Repulse Bay, is even lovelier in close quarters. But no habitations were distinguishable until we had rounded a rocky point, bestrewn with bracken, and entered the cove where a short rough-hewn jetty offered anchorage.

Another obstacle loomed ahead. Still low tide and not even a gangplank. Sprightly passengers were clambering over the rocks and stones compelling the jolly. After some delay a plank at a gradient of one in three was erected and we climbed on to Lamma.

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Luk, who showed them gently onward to the narrow alleys and courts to Lamma Church.

Someone scurried off for the key. The door was opened and shutters thrown back. Mrs Luk handed us bamboo fans and invited us to sit on the two benches.

porcelain. We wondered at her spirit and courteous, imperturbable manner. Throughout the long climb she paused once to say "The Government very kindly provided the cement so we could make this fine path."

## Cool Drinks

The children came nearer, especially when snapshots of Miss Robertson were handed around. Then they nodded and smiled widely. There was some resemblance between the lady they loved and these strangers.

Thinking it was only necessary to return to the beach beside the jetty, one member of the party willing in the heat, suggested a bath. This was explained to Mrs Luk who then detailed one young girl about nine years old to lead the way.

With a straight back and unfaltering stride this child led us right across the island. Past cottages and farm buildings, byres and Kadorie pigsties. Through paddies and beds of big chilies. Alongside papaya and pineapple plantations. Up hill and down dale we trudged in the hot sun.

Scarlet dragonflies zoomed beside us like fighter escorts. Breezes hummed in and out of fragrant flower cups. Crickets whirled and grasshoppers hopped.

## Cuddly Pups

Sometimes we had to climb into the boat to make room for a dream-eyed cow iced by a late-tooled, straw-hatted maiden. Or had to pick our way carefully over cuddly chew puppies playing roly-poly in the sun.

For one blissful moment we saw the sea. But then our path turned away for another mile or so until at last we came to a delightful white-sanded beach.

And a childlike riding at anchor in the shape of two streamlined motor launches. Swimming parties had come ashore and American and Canadian voices could be heard. In introductions were effected chin-deep in the sea. They were equally surprised to see us.

No dwellings were visible on this side of the island. As the launches made ready to sail, we thought of the hike back in the land where there were no chairs, no rough, narrow, pedicled sedan chairs—not even a mule or a donkey.

The children who had led us here were busy collecting firewood left behind after the barbecue picnic. It was heavy, unwieldy stuff but they refused to pass pieces that dropped so in the end we were all carrying firewood.

## Way Back

The way back seemed shorter. As the children arrived at their farm cottage home, we learned that the Islanders had three basic herbal remedies regarded as cure-alls. The most curious was a preparation of cactus for poulticing snake bite commonly encountered. And we had never thought of snakes.

As we wound through a good-looking coffee-brown herd of cows, a mother guarding her new spindly-legged calf suddenly lunged at us, but a slender young milkmaid pulled at the nose ring and we continued homeward. Or so we thought.

As we reached the Yung Shui Wan village, we were told that some of the elders or members of the island's Council of Women had prepared food for us in the Tai Ping village on the hill to the right. We passed a laundry where hides were stretched on frames to dry, crossed a valley and then commenced a long climb. This time Mrs Luk was leading. She is so thin and looks fragile as a piece of fine

## STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

A number of stolen articles have recently been recovered as a result of Police investigations.

These articles are believed to have been stolen from dwellings in the Peak and Mid-Levels area during the last twelve months.

Any one who has lost similar articles is requested to contact the Divisional Detective Inspector, Central Police Station, telephone number 34522 extension 347 and any items identified will be returned to the owner.

The recovered articles are:

Volgtlander camera in leather case;

Gold chain with coin attached;

Gold oval-shaped locket;

Gold heart-shaped locket;

White metal finger ring with green and white stones;

Gold ring set with green coloured stone;

White metal finger ring set with three stones;

White metal finger ring set with single white coloured stone;

Pair of gold earrings set with green coloured stone;

White metal finger ring set with white coloured stone;

One silver foreign coin and gold round-shaped locket.

## Stole Money

### From

## Juke Boxes

A young juke box mechanic, Tsang Cheung-kui, of 129, Electric Road, who faced three counts of theft, was sentenced to three months by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning.

The Police said the owner of a number of juke boxes, Jesse Yu, employed two men to look after the machines.

One was authorized to collect the money from the boxes while the defendant was put in charge of changing records periodically.

When a check was made of the juke boxes, it was found that the coins in most of them had been stolen. Questioned by the Police, the defendant admitted having stolen coins totalling \$151.50 from juke boxes in several swimming sheds in Kowloon.

The defendant's father made restitution to the owner of the juke boxes.

## RADIO Hongkong

5.30 p.m. "Women Only"—A weekly magazine, introduced by Wendy Colbourne, compiled by Barbara Lawrence. 6.00 p.m. Murray Leavitt, 6.10 p.m. Time Signal, Programme Summary: 6.15, Lucky Dip—Listen to the Radio. 6.20 p.m. String Song—Donald Black and his Orchestra. 7.30 p.m. Jazz with Robin Day. 7.40 p.m. Weather Report. 8.00 p.m. Time Signal, The News. 8.10 p.m. Concerto, 8.15, At the Ballet—Les Sylphides (Chopin). 8.20 p.m. The Royal Opera House Orchestra of Covent Garden. 8.30 p.m. Wednesday. 8.40 p.m. The Royal Opera House Orchestra of Covent Garden. 8.50 p.m. Weather Report. 9.00 p.m. Time Signal, Radio Newswatch. 9.10 p.m. Goodnight Music. 11.30 p.m. Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Wednesday Concert—The Concerto No. 1 in D Major for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 6 (Brahms) played by Zino Francescatti with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Sir Eugene Goossens. 4.00 p.m. The Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Opus 52 (Schubert) played by the Philharmonia Orchestra. 4.15 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 4.30 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 4.45 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 5.00 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 5.15 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 5.30 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 5.45 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 6.00 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 6.15 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 6.30 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 6.45 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 7.00 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 7.15 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 7.30 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 7.45 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 8.00 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 8.15 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 8.30 p.m. The Philharmonia Orchestra. 8.45 p.m. The 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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM OVER FRENCH MOVE

## 'Steps In The Right Direction' Says US Bankers

New York, Aug. 13.

American banking circles are cautiously optimistic over France's ability to follow through successfully with its proposed austerity programme aimed at bolstering imports.

The "de facto" 20 per cent cut in the value of the franc and approval of the 1.5 billion in budgetary cuts were generally hoped as constructive and "steps in the right direction."

French gold and dollar reserves were slightly in excess of \$2,000,000,000 at the end of 1955. The reserves are now placed at about \$300,000,000—considered rock bottom by experts.

Financial circles here point out, however, that the French austerity programme of higher taxes, export incentives, import controls and Government controls is bound to hit the franc and approval of the 1.5 billion in budgetary cuts were generally hoped as constructive and "steps in the right direction."

## Both Linked

The rising domestic price and the budget deficit are both linked closely to the costly Algerian operations.

If defence spending can be held to manageable limits, then France has a good chance of pulling through its current economic difficulties.

Any solution of the Algerian problem resulting in bringing back thousands of French troops to work in productive industry would appreciably bolster France's booming economy. It is pointed out, there new workers, it is said, would in effect be "producing" taxes and new effect of earnings rather than consuming a good part of France's current output.

## Alleviate

Some experts hold the prospect of an indicated time crop this year should further help alleviate France's plight. France—one of the few countries in Europe which can feed itself and still export agricultural products—suffered from a bad crop in 1956.

The planned 20 per cent incentive to French exporters on dollar sales pegged at the official 350-to-the-dollar level will lose all of its effectiveness unless the French Government is able meanwhile to hold prices in line, experts assert.

The French government, it is expected, will be under considerable pressure to resist new wage boosts over the next several months. With prices still climbing, many feel the Government may not be able to resist new wage hikes. Auto and metal workers contracts are said to be scheduled for negotiations soon.

Financial and banking experts also point out that as a result of France's new currency moves, some currencies—notably sterling—will be in a less favourable position. For France, however, these steps are considered here as part of a programme that had to be undertaken at this time to forestall even more serious financial difficulties in the future.—United Press.

## Request To Expedite

Colombo, Aug. 13.

Ceylon has asked Burma and Communist China to expedite rice shipments which, lately have not been arriving on schedule, it was reported last Saturday.

China has shipped only 60,000 tons of the 270,000 tons contracted to send to Ceylon during the current fiscal year. Only 110,000 tons of the 200,000 tons contracted from Burma have arrived in Ceylon. As a result of these delays, Ceylon had to buy 7,500 tons of rice this month from Thailand.—United Press.

## New York Metal Futures

New York, Aug. 13.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

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## TUG SINKS IN HARBOUR

### Heels Over While Towing Ship

A tug belonging to the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks Ltd "heeled over" and sank 700 feet off the dockyards on Monday night, it was learned today.

#### He's Off To London



Mr. D. R. W. Alexander, Chief Staff Officer of the CAS, photographed this morning before boarding a BOAC airliner for the United Kingdom on leave. He was seen off by several members of the CAS at Kai Tak.

The tug's name is Edith. She was towing and edging the m.v. Effie Maersk to the docks when the accident occurred.

It was then about 8.30 p.m. The tug was said to have been caught "by the back-wash" of the towing operation. She sank in less than 10 minutes.

#### Safety

The tug carried a crew of eight. They all scrambled to safety, assisted by crew members of other tugs towing the Effie Maersk. There were no casualties.

Edith, 55 feet long, is now lying on her side under 45 feet of water.

Efforts are being made by the company to re-float her.

Mr. J. V. Ramsay, Shipyard Manager of the Kowloon Docks, told the China Mail this morning that it was not an uncommon occurrence for tugs to sink while engaged in towing operation but, he added, "it does not happen everyday."



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## HK's Night Clubs Pay Big Money For Stars

by FRANCIS BOEY, CHINA MAIL FEATURE WRITER

There is an undeclared war going on in the Colony's entertainment world.

Rival night clubs are desperately trying to out-bid each other for top singing stars.

The public spends thousands of dollars a night visiting the Colony's after-dark rendezvous.

And big night clubs are never satisfied with just one class singer—having two is a double insurance: It gives them one more string to their bow—and their rivals have one less—but few can afford two big stars a night.

Smaller night clubs have found that singing stars are a draw, too, and they are competing for girls who have either done the round of Hongkong night-spots or are just launching out on a singing career. Of course, they earn much



MISS KUK CHI

### Four-Figure Offer To Singer

If things work out according to expectations yet another star Colony singer—Miss Kuk Chi—now singing in one of the Kowloon night-spots will soon be joining her many friends who have moved down to Singapore.

Pretty, petite 18-year-old, Miss Kuk Chi has been offered a four-figure salary by one of the largest night clubs there. The story of her meteoric rise is like one taken from the pages of a fairy tale.

Here is a girl, born in Canton but educated in Hongkong at the Sou San College, who made good because she had an unshakable belief that she had a good voice and was prepared to wait for the credit she knew she deserved.

Her friends told her she'd never make the grade when she took up piano and singing lessons. How wrong they were, for in less than two years she was on the road to stardom.

She joined the ranks of the professionals in 1956 at a starting salary of \$400 in one of the ballrooms here, but since then her "take-home" pay packet has grown handsomely.

Why does a girl take up professional singing soon after leaving school?

This is what Miss Kuk Chi has to say, "I took up singing because I love to sing. Nothing makes me happier than to sing like a lark to express my happy mood."

Endowed with a film star figure, a lovely face, and a disarming smile, Miss Kuk Chi draws rounds of applause with her highly pleasing voice.

She sings in Mandarin, Cantonese, English or Spanish but it is her gestures and her eyes that tell the story of the songs she sings.

Will she accept the four-figure job? "This is too good an offer to ignore. Besides I love to travel," she said.

Apart from the job at the night club, Miss Kuk Chi also sings over Radio Hongkong and Rediffusion. At the rate she is going this singer may well break into local movies, which is one of her many aims in life.

Look around the night spots and it is surprising that nearly all night club entertainers are young women. I asked the manager of a night club the reason why he did not employ male singers.

And here is what he said: "Customers don't like to hear a masculine voice unless he is Nat King Cole's double. They prefer hearing requests sung by a girl who is a cross between Marilyn Monroe and Grace Kelly."

less than the current stars.

Searching for a good singer is difficult. They never stay long in one place. Good ones are either already engaged at a salary beyond the imagination of the man-in-the-street or the price they demand for two hours' singing an evening is prohibitive.

To add to the problems of night club managers, there are tempting offers from abroad. KL and other Malayan cities, Singapore and Bangkok frequently offer lucrative contracts to Hongkong's nightingales.

Local singers can't be blamed for leaving. Besides getting a good salary—probably three times the amount they get here, they are often offered free board and lodging and taxes paid.

## LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT!



No, this is not a new photographic competition: it's just a spate of snake pictures all of a sudden. The above photograph was sent in by Mr. R. V. Rose of Manners Engineering Ltd. Its caption reads: A PYTHON? — Dunno, says Elizabeth, it's a snake. Elizabeth Rose, 4, proudly displays a seven-foot snake caught and killed on the lawn of 36, Island Road, Repulse Bay, last week.

## BID TO SELL JAPANESE MOTOR VANS IN COLONY

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

The expanding Japanese car industry is trying to break into the local market with vehicles for light transportation.

Some months ago a Japanese firm in Hongkong brought in a motor-tricycle van capable of carrying three quarters of a ton of goods.

### LORRY HITS CRANE

A lorry collided with a crane inside the Kai Tak Airport development area at about 8.45 pm yesterday. Two men on the lorry were injured in the collision. They are Lee Kwai, aged 38, of Ping Shan Quarry, Ngau Chi Wan, and Wong Fung-ying, aged 23, of 179D, Kowloon City Road.

Both men were taken to Kowloon Hospital, but only Lee Kwai was detained for further treatment.

This vehicle is built with a motor cycle engine similar to a popular American model. The two-cylinder engine of 1,135 cc can do 70 miles a gallon. The market price is about \$6,000.

#### First Consignment

This first machine was inspected and licensed by the Traffic Office a few days ago and it is understood that the consignments have ordered a first consignment of about 10 of these vans.

They are expected to arrive in a month or two and a firm in Kowloon had been appointed as their distributors.

This firm said this morning that the sample model had attracted much interest.

But as yet Japanese cars have not come onto the local market. The price of cars manufactured in Japan is thought to be too high to present any competition, after payment of tax.

#### Two In Use

According to a reputable Japanese firm here, there are two Japanese-made cars now in use in the Colony.

One belongs to the Japanese Consul General and the other, to the manager of the Bank of Tokyo.

Without looking at the maker's name on these cars it is difficult to tell the source of origin.

### Remanded On \$1,000 Bail

Charged with driving a private car for the purpose of hire, a 30-year-old driver, Tam Mei-chuan, of 153 Jaffe Road, ground floor, was remanded for three days by Mr. Hin-ching Lo at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant, who was on bail of \$1,000, was alleged to have used a private car for the purpose of hire in Connaught Road Central at about 6.35 p.m. on August 12.

### Necklace Thefts

Two necklaces were snatched from a woman pedestrian in Kowloon yesterday. One of the snatchings occurred in Nathan Road, near Bute Street. The other took place in Tsimpo Road.

## RECEIVING ORDER MADE AGAINST BUSINESSMAN

Mr Justice C. W. Reece made a receiving order against Chang Ping-chong trading as Shing Chong and Co. after two creditors gave evidence of his debts in the Bankruptcy Court this morning.

The debtor, Chang, ordinarily resided at 339 King's Road fourth floor, and carried on business at addresses in Johnston Road, Tung Chow Street and Tong Mei Road.

Mr P. D. Remedios made the petition for a receiving order on behalf of the two creditors, Chu Chi-tao of 344 King's Road and Fan Shou-san of 58 Bonanin Street, both merchants.

Mr C. M. Stevens appeared for the Official Receiver.

#### WHAT HE OWED

Mr Remedios said he would prove service of petition, debt due to the creditors and an act of bankruptcy committed by the debtor.

He said that he had complied with the Judge's order for substituted service. As to the debt, evidence would be given that Chang owed Chu \$9,076.80 and Fan \$8,280. Both debts were for money lent. The debt due Chu was evidenced by an account stated between the parties and chopped with the chop of the debtor's firm.

In the case of Fan it was evidenced to the extent of \$8,135 by post-dated cheques issued by the debtor. There were a total of five cheques, two of which were dated September 4, 1957.

Mr Remedios submitted that there was provision under the Bankruptcy Ordinance for dealing with sums not due and his cheques satisfied both requirements under the section.

In any case, he needed only show debts to the extent of \$500 and even without those two cheques the debt exceeded that sum, he added.

Mr Remedios said that the clients alleged that the act of bankruptcy committed by Chang was that he departed from his house or usual place of business with intent to delay or defeat his creditors.

#### UNABLE TO MEET

In the second half of July Chu called on many occasions at the house of the debtor, at his office and at his factories, continued Mr Remedios. On all these occasions he was unable to meet Chang. He made enquiries and was told that the debtor had not been in for some days. He also made enquiries as to whether the debtor had left any one in charge of his business and was answered in the negative.

Mr Remedios said that the other creditor, Fan, called at one of Chang's factories when one of his cheques was dishonoured and was given the same information as Chu. He also telephoned his office on

many occasions, but was unable to contact the debtor.

Mr Remedios submitted that on this evidence physical acts of bankruptcy had been established. As to intent to defeat or delay the creditors, there would be evidence that in early July this year the debtor informed Chu that he was in a bad financial position and had requested him to try to work out a scheme of arrangement with his creditors. Attempts were made, but they were unsuccessful and shortly afterwards the debtor disappeared.

#### NO DIRECT EVIDENCE

Mr Remedios said that although he had no direct evidence in the sense that the debtor had proclaimed an intention to avoid his creditors, he submitted that from the picture presented in this case, one must come to the conclusion that that was his intention.

He told the Judge that from information obtained, Chang's liabilities amounted to about \$300,000 and his assets were roughly \$150,000. This meant that he would be able to pay about 50 per cent which was about four times the legal minimum.

After the two creditors had given evidence, Mr Justice Reece granted their petition.

### Suspect Held

The Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of 24 bottles of aerated water from a lorry parked in the Tai Hang Tung resettlement area yesterday morning.

#### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm so glad you're staying for dinner—there's an old meat loaf in the icebox I've almost despaired of ever using!"